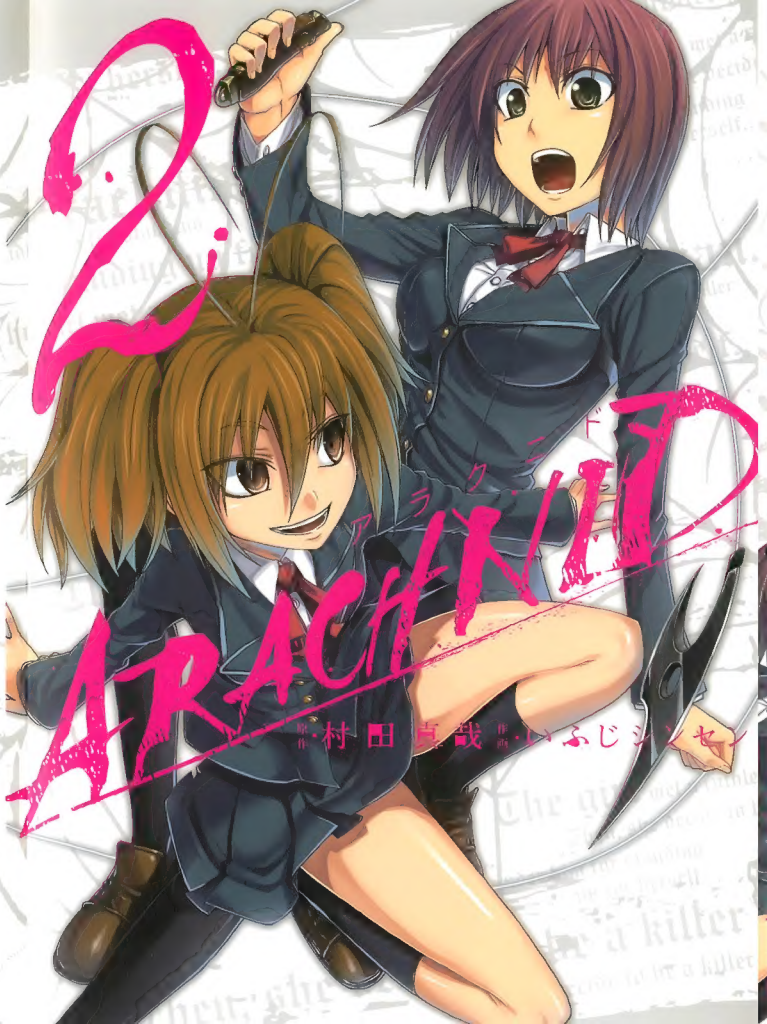

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歳月を数える節足動物に比べれば
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これは本作の世界観の根幹であると
同時に、揺るぎ無い事実でもあります。

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お手に取って頂きありがとございます。
この作品が始まって早いものでもう一年。
あっという間です。
ずっと机にかじり付いているせいか
体感時間が一か月も無く、
少し寂しい気も。余裕を持って作業するのが
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アリスは打つ手があるのか…!!

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Chapter 6 : That Is My Method Of Survival

It's probably a little weird thinking about it, but...

This is what I'm saying..!

Aiming for my life...

...And although you did confine me...

...really grateful to Assassin-san...

...I'm really...

...I can live together with you...

...Now that it's become like this...

Since I'm here, I'm kinda taking up space...

...And the house has gotten a bit more confined too, but...

...I'm really happy!

Ah!

It's fine for you to eat before me!

...cooking and cleaning, so...

...I can still manage to do stuff like...

...I'll try and learn how to do it little by little, so please...

ポタ

ポタ

...That's why...

...I don't have any confidence in it, but...

カチャ

Somehow, I'm pretty sure it's been a while since I've cooked, so...

Although Assassin-san told me,

"You are strong..."

...Please stay here with me.

...For just... a little longer...

It's already been a week since that moment.

...Being here all by myself...

...is very lonely...

...has already disappeared from the face of the Earth.

Assassin-san's existence...

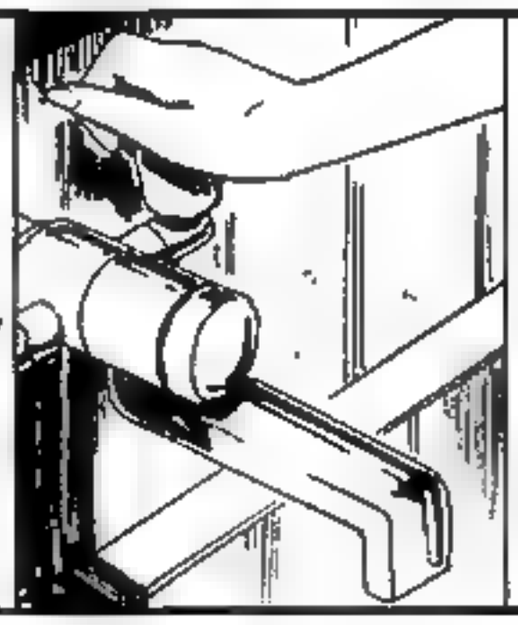
...is entirely non-existent.

...Assassin-san's death...

On the newspapers, television, and even the Internet...

I'm not saying that he merely died.

...pretending he completely disappeared.



The facts said that he died by himself...

バシャ

For the sake of proving this...

...My dedication to such a thing...

...he definitely existed.

However...

...Assassin-san had protected for me...

Continuing to protect the name that...

...Fujii Alice.

...is my existence as being...

...that Assassin-san once lived.

...This will surely become proof that shows...

カラン

I've already gotten five...

Mail again?

...I need to calmly open them to see what they are.

...Since they're impossible to ignore...

...They're probably important to look at, but...

They're all mail addressed to Ass-assin-san...

...Rent...

...Gas, water...

The electricity bill...

...live here like normal...

If I'm just going to...

...I'm going to need to earn some money.

歓迎!!!
事前にお店へ直接お電話して
必ず身分証明書をお持ちの上下記
学生アルバ
http://
TEL 03-2
FAX 03-2

歓迎
(株)
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但し、未成年者は
保護者の同意が
必要になります。
(応相談)
:00~17:00
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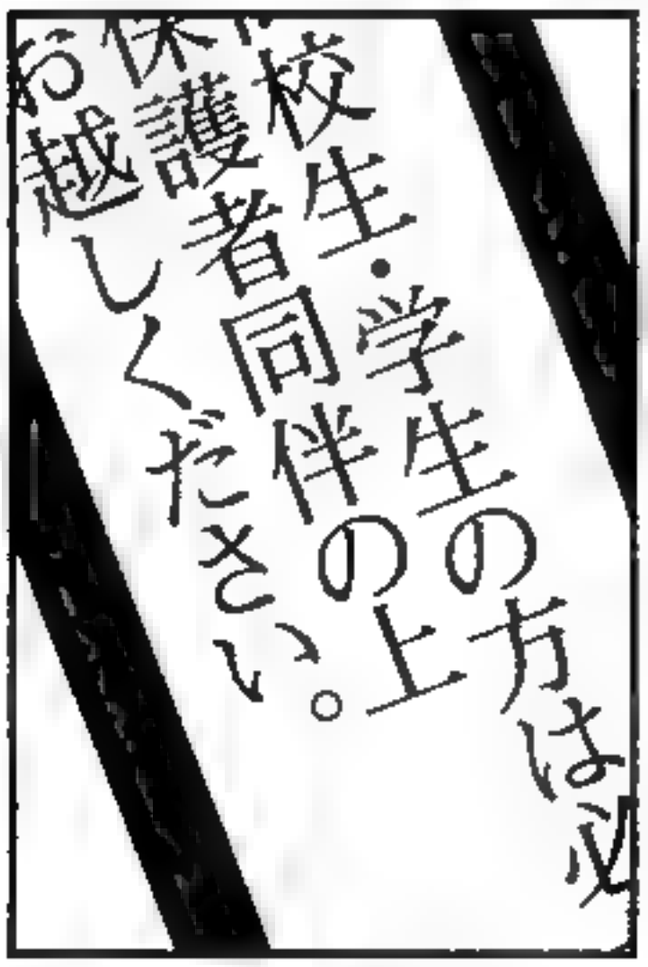
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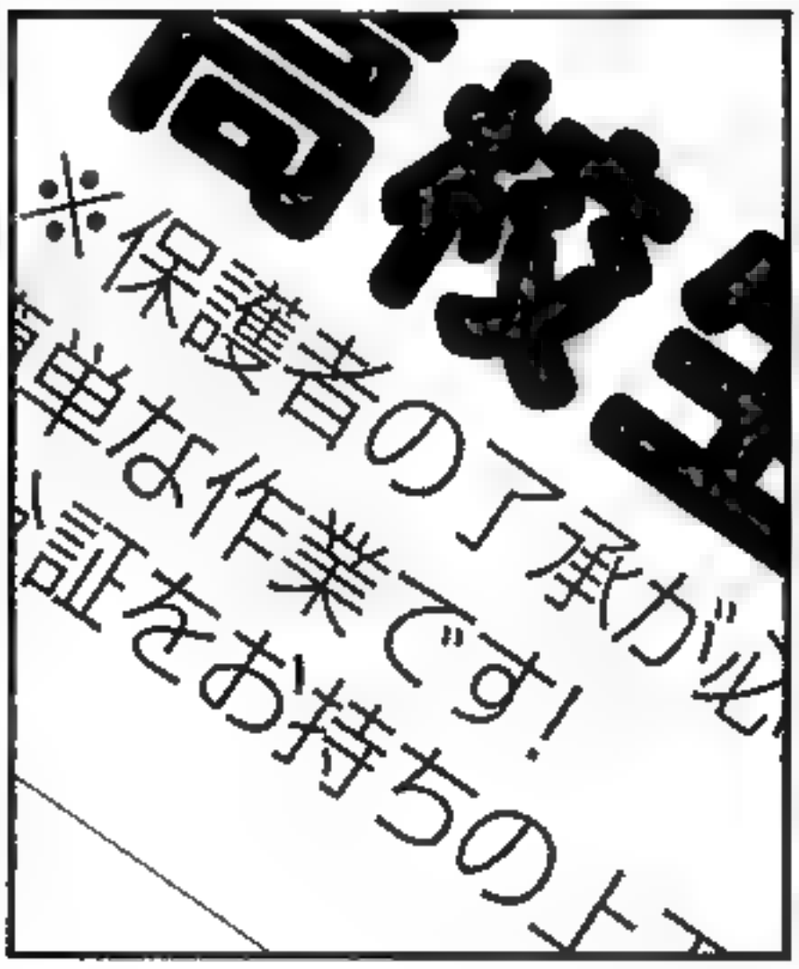
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※保護者の了承が
簡単な作業です!
証をお持ちの

No... I
can't do
this.

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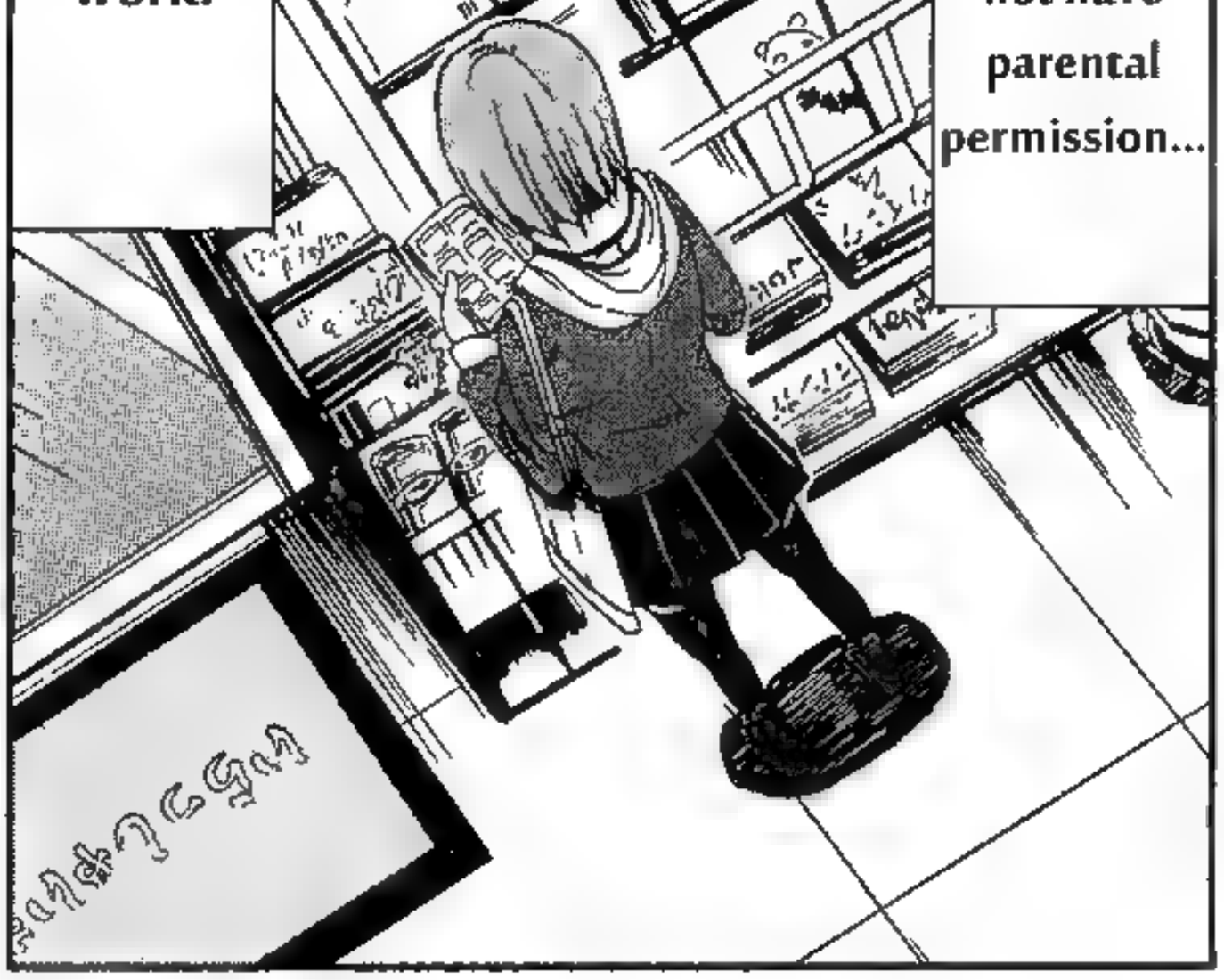
...and not having a parent that can approve you at all.

However, it's a different story between having a parent that does not allow you...

...cannot work.

Children who do not have parental permission...



...maybe they will hire me...

If I just directly went to them and told them my reason...

...Otherwise, they cannot be hired. This is the law!

A minor not at the age of maturity must have permission from their guardian...

THEN THERE ISN'T ANY REASON FOR ME TO HIRE THAT GIRL!

HUH..?!

...SHE DOESN'T HAVE ANY PARENTS?!

...she's always late or likes to fool around, you know...

Well, it's not really the issue of whether...

HUH?! WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT?!

...Even if she's not a student, we can't hire her...

Having no parents or relatives...

ARE YOU TRYING TO INTERRUPT MY FAMILY BUSINESS?!

She'd be better off if she didn't head for society so soon.

Say, missy.

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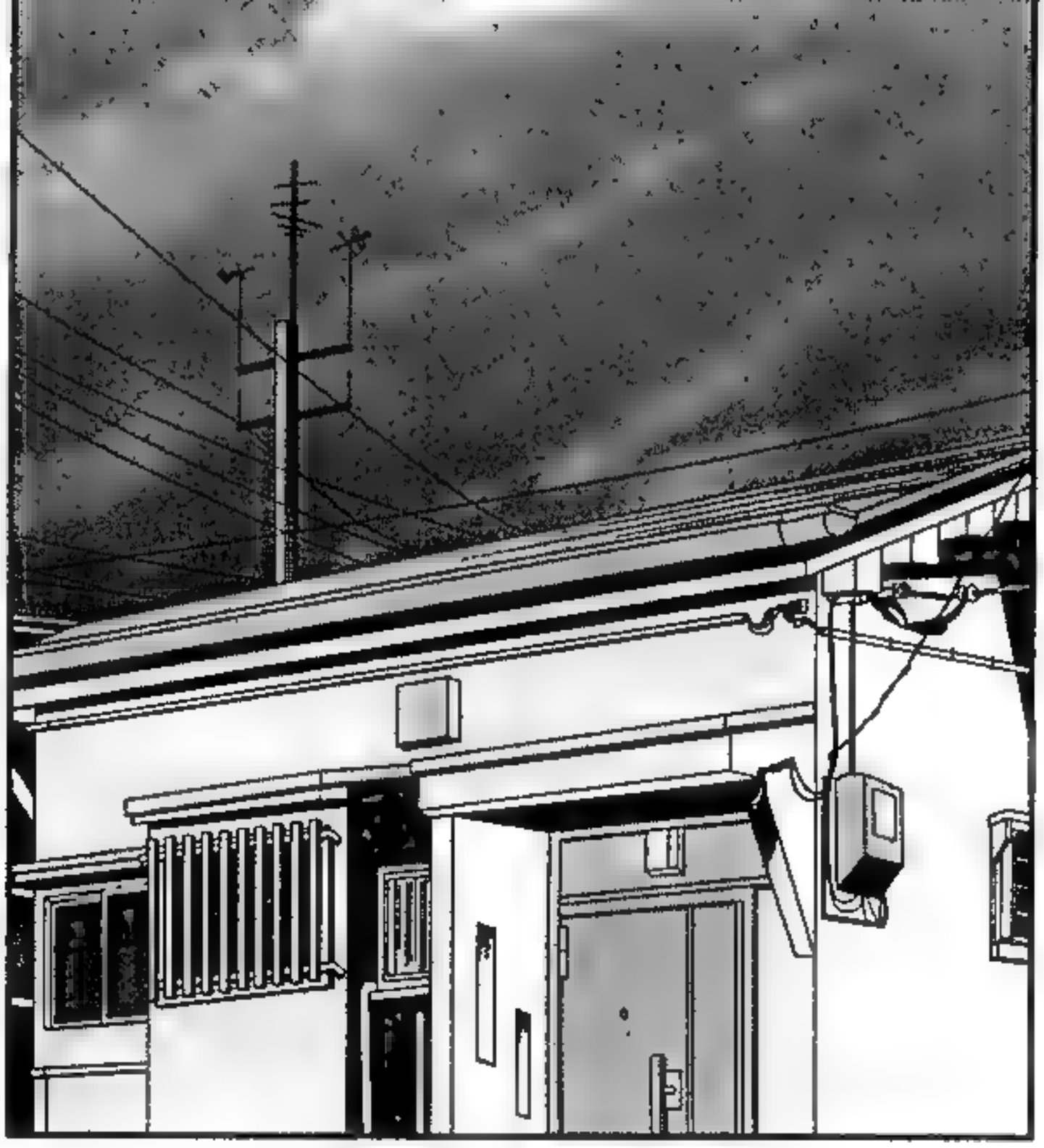

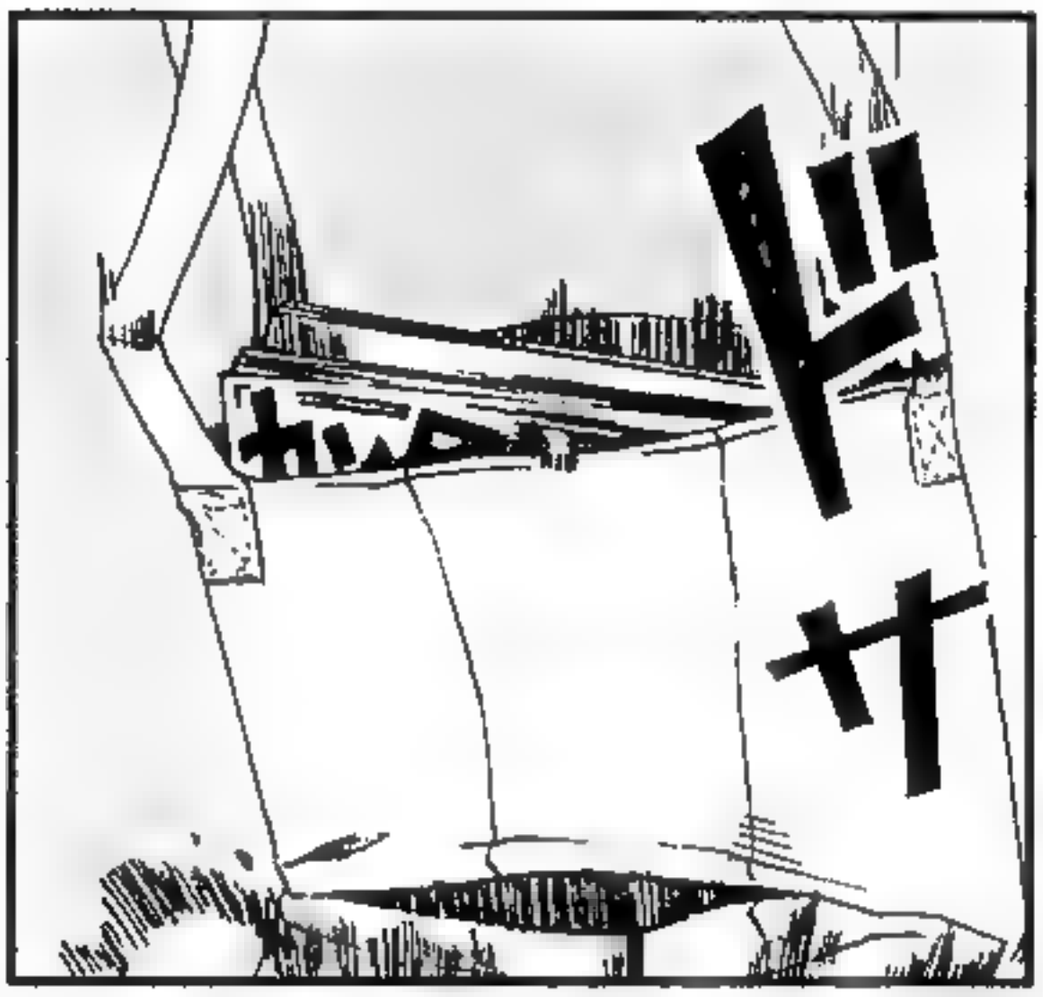
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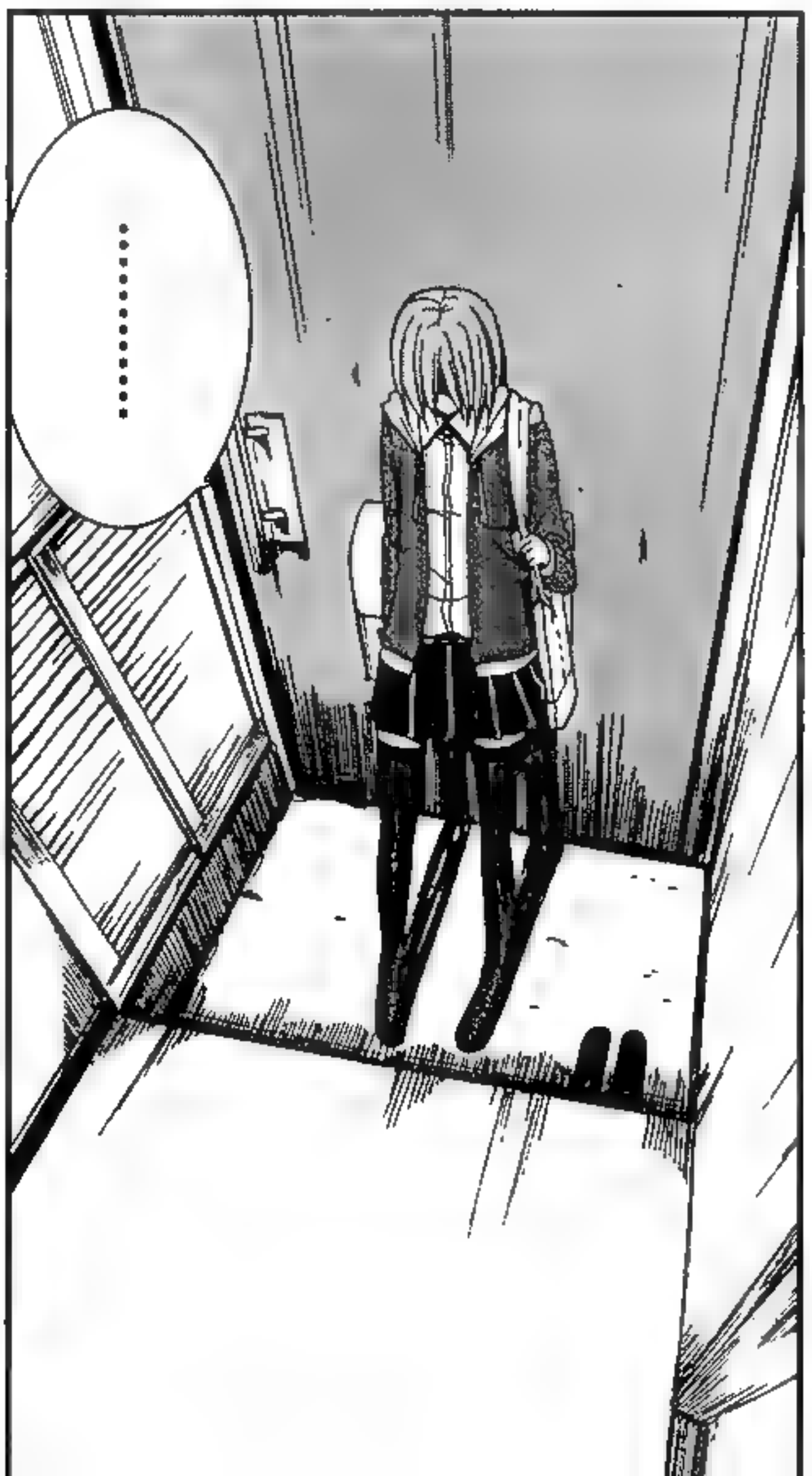

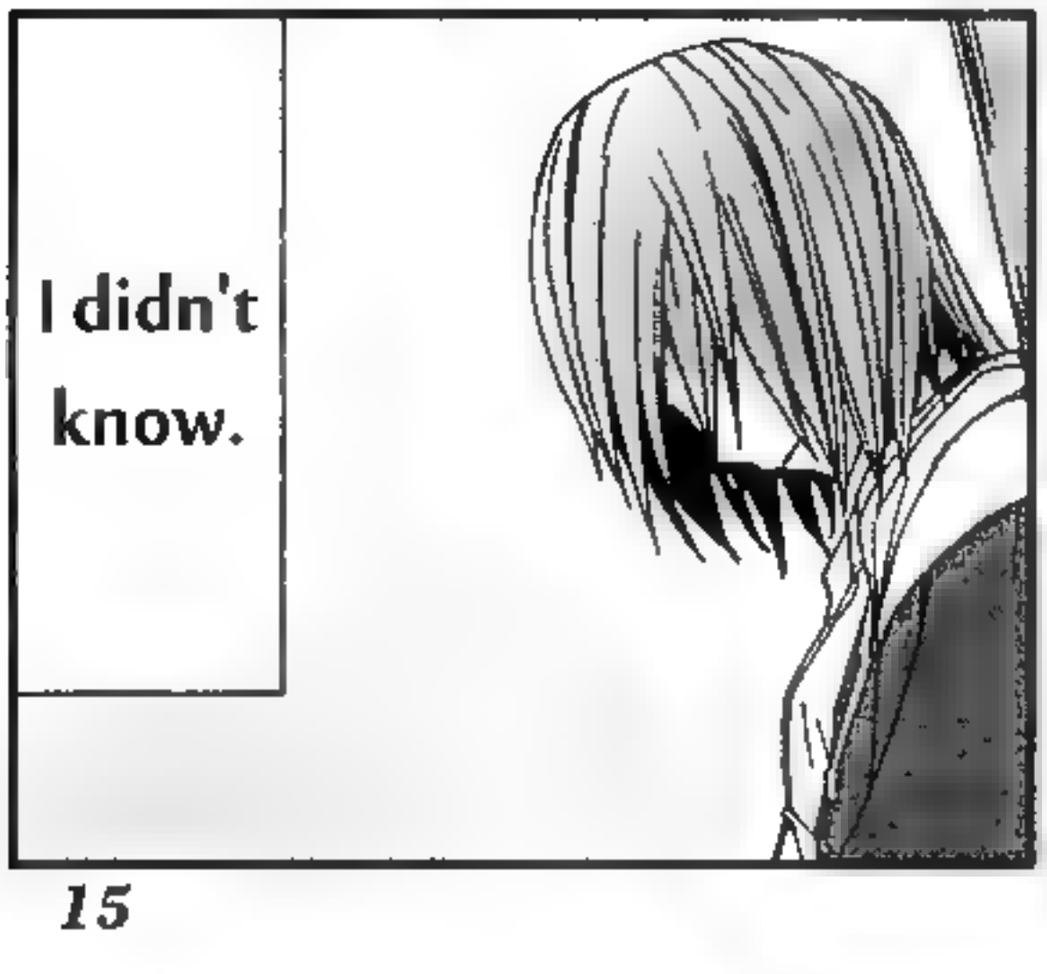
I didn't know.

In order to work, I need to first earn some credibility...

In other words, credibility is the reliability of one's identity.

...would be this difficult to do...

I didn't know that finding a job...

However...

...for someone like me...

...It will be a short hurdle that they can easily cross.

That means if there are any parents, relatives, or just about any other person familiar to somebody, as long as they're an adult, is here...

...has finally freed himself from this dangerous world.

Assassin-san, after so long...

...

...If this keeps up...

I wanted to earn money from a respectable job, but...

...is sell my bod-

...The only thing I'll be able to do...

...the hurdle is unbelievably high...

ガチャ

……

Who is it?

I am a member of *The Organi-zation.*

The Organi-zation.

I've known that they'd come, but...

!!

...They want to kill me again..?

...Could it be..?

I didn't come for a hostile conver-sation.

...Please don't stare at me like that.

Hey, hey...

...Fujii Alice-sama.

I came to welcome you to The Organi-zation...

What do you mean..?

W-

Eh...

.....

Also...

The boss is mourning quite a bit from the death of Kumo.

The hole that used to be Kumo...

...We want you to fill it.

There is great value in that.

Your skills are so strong that you can even take down Kumo.

However...

...in short, is a hang-out for assassins.

...The Organization...

This is because...

...I can't reasonably refuse this invitation.

I too have become an assassin.

...it's already too late.

...to change my mind later on...

...I probably won't be able...

If I accept this invitation now...

I have been rejected from society enough as it is.

First...

Joining The Organ-ization is simple.

...and *abandon your name.*

Please hand over your family register...

So to speak, this is...

...the emer-gence of an insect into an adult.

We would like for you to become a part of The Organization.

Then, return what's become of your life to a fully empty slate.

...acquiring wings that allow them to fly freely.

...cast away and leave their "shell," their name...

...the powerless larvae...

Bound to the manage-ment of the country...

...You will have a lifestyle where you don't need to worry about money, social status, or povert-

If you enter The Organi-zation...

Eh?

.....

I refuse.

...I could never let it go, even if I wanted to.

Even for just my name itself...

...steal your name.

Don't let anyone...

And why is that?

How stupid...

...last wish.

That was his...

...you will be free.

As long as you just abandon your name..

...to be up to you to freely decide.

Kumo expected those wishes...

That is not freedom at all.

...an insect cage that people made.

The Organization is just...

...That's alright.

Well...

.....

As well, that was one of your options.

I can't coerce you into joining.

Thank you very much.

I'm happy that you cam-

...I will report them to Suzume Bachi.

Your intentions...

Oh..?

...I'm *Kamakiri*, the praying mantis...

Dodging my scythes...

...was not a lie after all...

...I guess that you inheriting Kumo's techniques...

It wasn't that dangerous...

...As soon as I entered this house...

I can perceive the flow of the atmo-sphere...

...with the sensor from the thread.

...I stretched a web to sense whether there were any trespassers.

If I hadn't done this...

...by now I would've been...

...moves quickly to grab its prey first.

...And there is an offensive type which...

...There is a type which stretches its trap and waits...

Most predator bugs are separated into two types...

Once its prey is perceived in its field of vision...

...it doesn't wait or attack, but...

...doesn't fall under either category.

However, Kamakiri, or the praying mantis...

Insects can react and move quickly due to their internal perception system's structure, however...

...They cannot react to slow movements.

...It slowly approaches.

There is no definite answer as to how the praying mantis figured this out.

The only one that knows...

...is the praying mantis itself.

It is also said that there isn't a suitable insect for it to hunt.

PRAY

ヒュー

ドス

Jaaaaa

U-
UWAAA
AAA..!!

Well... Since the beginning...

...An arachnid that uses makeshift traps to achieve victory...

Already done?

Whaatt..?

...is no match at all, you know?

...compared to the praying mantis which is naturally-born to fight...

Dea-

What the?

This threa-

I-

IDIO-

WOO OOAH HH?!

...YOUR CAROTID ARTERY, SO...

I'M DAMN SURE I SEVERED...

It's just as you said.

An arachnid that stretches its trap...

...against the praying mantis...

...HOW THE HELL ARE YOU STILL ALIVE?!

...is no match.

...YOU MANAGED TO PROTECT YOUR NECK?!

BY JUST WRAPPING YOURSELF WITH THAT THREAD...

!?

An arachnid's thread..

...MY SCYTH-ES..P!

WITH THAT THR-EAD...

It's the strongest natural fiber in the world.

If it is the correct thickness, it can even endure steel.

...will transform into steel.

...Then that part of the body...

...and then wrap the resulting thread around a knight's body...

If you were to take 10,000 strands and tie them together...

Y-

Please stay still.

I don't want to kill you.

ARE YOU TRYING TO MAKE ME FUN OF ME?!

YOU LITTLE GIRL..!

GO TO HELL!!

WHA-

Shit...

You made a face that looked like you wouldn't even harm a single bug, yet...

S-

...did you make..?!

...Just how many traps...

...become The Organization's ***enemy***.

...With this, you have completely...

Although...

...just want to live a normal life.

I...

...the next assassin will soon arrive...

Even though you've killed me...

...who-ever it is...

Anybody who dares bother me...

This is my...

...method of survival.

...I can't do anything but kill.

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ARACHNID

Who is it?

Shidemushi.

Chapter 7 : Please Don't Get Close to Me

I'm just your ordinary "cleaner," eh.

Not really...

...come to kill me..?

Did you also...

I just came to tidy up this dead body.

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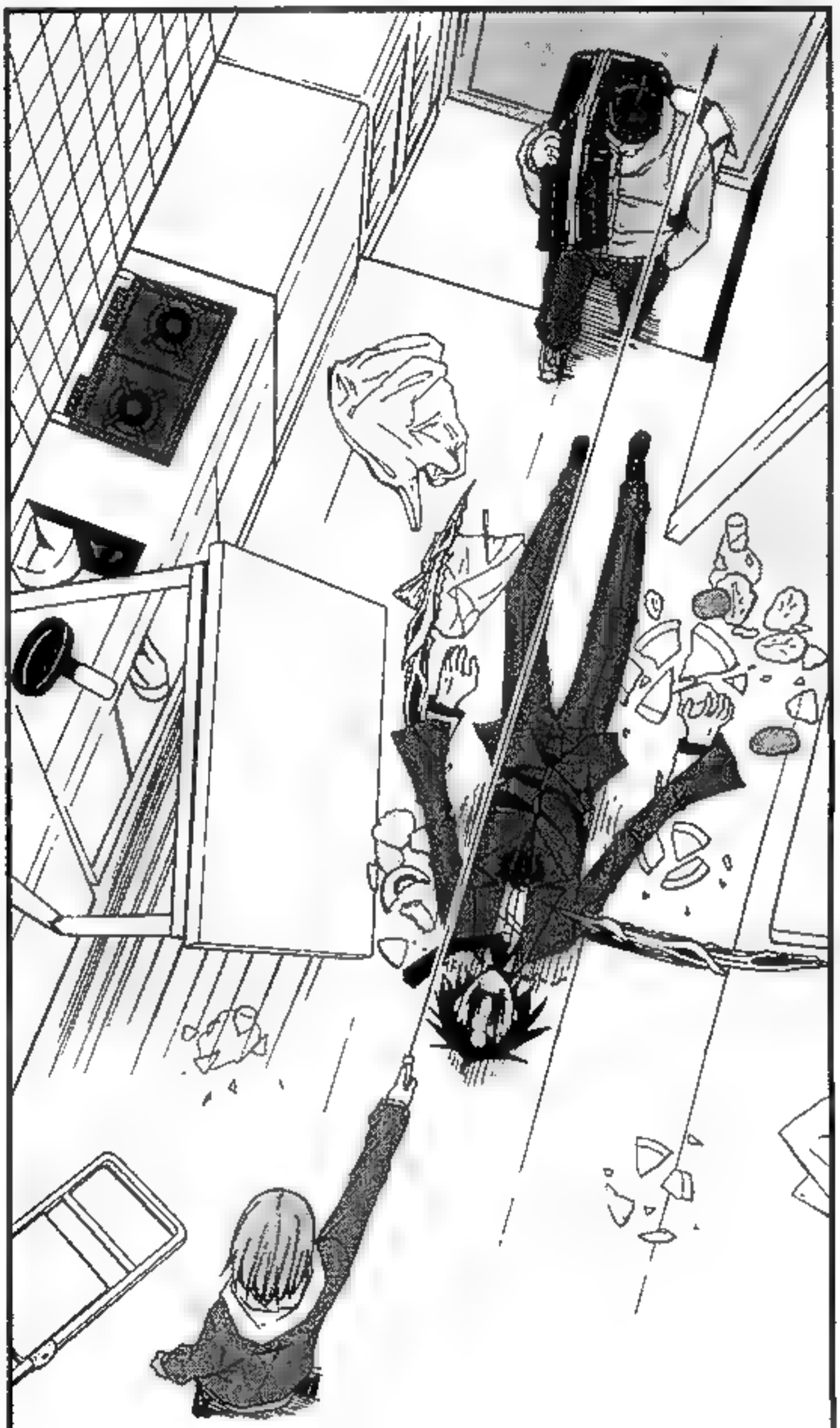
...it'd be perfect if you could just let me start workin-

This is a bit abrupt, but...

What are you plotting?



You, please tell this to your boss.

Go...

You will never be able to bind Kumo.

Leave now.

This is not your home.

...and tell that to your boss.

...From The Organi-zation.

I also have a message for you...

It's nothing to be surprised about.

Eh...

We cannot allow anyone not affiliated with The Organization to use it.

This house is property of The Organi-zation.

Then you would have to force us to leave through legal action.

What if I were to say no?

W-

.....

...it would be futile even if you went to the police crying.

You could go and do that, but.

...is impossible to prove.

The Organization's existence...

...they would just suspect you of having some sort of psychological condition.

And just for argument's sake, supposing a complaint was made.

It's just "The Organization."

And for that reason, it has no name.

...If an individual decides to go against The Organization...

I don't know who or what got into that brain of yours, but...

.....

...it's no different from suicide.

...If I may say so myself...

If you hate the idea of being an insect in a cage.

...Kumo.

...Make your own nest...

Yori!

Hey, what should we do now?

ガク

ガク

ガク

ガク

Her! You know, her!

Didn't you make up your mind already?

About what?

She suddenly went berserk ...

...getting all violent on us, totally pissed off...

Fujii Alice!

I got a bruise because of her!

Hey! Me too!

If you don't do the same to her face, I won't let you go.

Just like what happened to me, huh!

.....

...you don't have any sorta good idea?

Say, Yori...

So if you don't take revenge, I won't let you off!

Well, no...

W-
Wait...

Eh...

What's gotten into you, Yori!

It's best...

...if we just leave her alone.

TO

I'M START-ING THE LESSON!

OOKAY! EVERYONE GATHER AROUND! GATHER AROUND!!

Ehhh... How tiring...

You.

Okay, marathon it is!

NOOO!!! I DON'T WANNA!!

Alrighty, everybody line up! Now!

Well, I have to be a bit strict about it, you know.

Aww... Sensei...

...Can we not do the match today.?

...Nothing out of the ordinary has changed...

That's what I decided, but...

I'll eliminate anybody who bothers me.

From now on, exactly how...

No job, no money, not even a home...

...if I were to continue living...

...What could I do...

...What could I do...

HERE! HERE!!

QUICK!

REBOUND!

MOVE!!

OI!

Eh—

FOUL!!

.....

ARE YOU OKAY?!

WHA, FUJII-SAN!!

YOU REALLY DID IT, DIDN'T 'CHA, YORI!

WOO!

I DIDN'T DO IT ON PURPOSE!

OH SHUT UP, YOU TWO!

You don't look that okay to me though...

Can you stand..?

I'm okay...

I-

Why me?!!

Huhh?!

What are you talking about?

Weren't you the one who charged into her?

Please take Fujii-san to the infirmary.

Tajima-san.

Get up...

Hey...

Guess I can't help it, then...

.....

.....

What the... This girl...

...She's awfully light...

LET'S START AGAIN FROM THE JUMP BALL!

OKAY, OKAY!

Hey...

What's with your innocent acting?

T-That time was...

.....

...Wouldn't it have been okay for you to just hit me back?

Just like that time...

...I was desp-erate, so...

...Um, I can't really remembe-

Don't play dumb with me!

.....

Everything about you...

...I already told the police!

...please hurry and check it out!

...and there's a bullet hole where the school's toilets are, so

One of my classmates has a gun...

...they didn't take me seriously at all!

How-ever...

...been ***completely*** repaired!

The toilet wall had also...

...as if nothing had happened at all...

On the contrary...

...are you..?

Just what in the world...

...I'm asking you once again, but...

Hey...

...I really managed to pull it off...

That time...

.....

It won't happen a second time ever again, so...

I'm sorry...

Why do you have a gun..?!

I'm asking you..!

I haven't finished talking yet!!

Wha–

I cannot say.

It's very dang-erous.

If I told you, you might get involved.

.....

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...get too close to me.

Please don't...

INFIRMARY

Fujii Alice...

First-year, ***Class D.***

Thank you...

T–

What a cute name, huh! ♡

Lack of sleep and malnut-rition...

It looks like you don't have a fever, huh!

...Even the injury isn't even that big of a deal...

...and not only that, but dehydration as well...

Erm...

E-

...If you rest until this afternoon, you'll be all better!

I'll supply your body with enough water, so...

...are you..?

You're not the usual doctor...

Nice to meet'cha! ♡

I only come when Isaka-sensei goes on break!

Just part time!

Though, on a different note, Alice-chan...

I can't think of any reason other than excess stress!

Whatever the case may be, you're way underweight!

...any kind of worries?

...Do you have...

...I'm okay...

N– No...

Or could it be...

Are you concerned about your courses? Or could it be a boy?

It may be hard to say, but please do tell!

Don't hide it!

Hey!

...about The Organization..?

N-

No way...

This person...

...when you need to kill someone...

Not knowing...

...it gets quite stressful, you know?

Well say...

However, it's quite the trivial matter!

Inside this society...

...than death, you know? ♡

...There are worse things...

There are tons of blind spots here.

SCIENCE PREP. ROOM

...that isn't the case.

I've already decided.

What's the best course of action?

...since the students would be able to see, I would be safe within the school, however...

I thought that...

KN-

KN-

KWS

Before I am killed...

...I cannot do anything but kill.

YOU'RE THAT BAD STICKY-FINGERED BRAT, AREN'T 'CHA?
IT'S JUST LIKE THE RUMOURS SAID!

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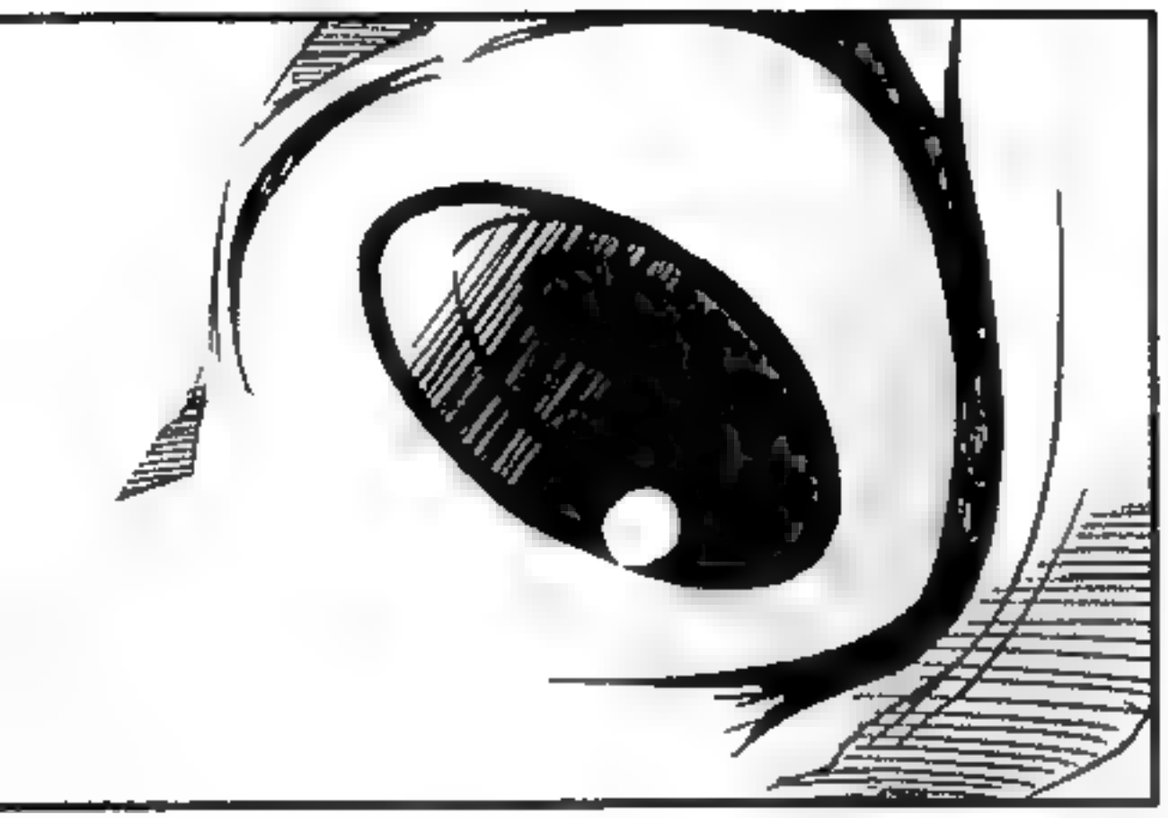

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What is...

...this?

Oh, I'm kinda late with my introduction, hmm..?

...can't move...

My body...

Those drops from before first came from the Yellow Fattail.

It's a mixed venom from the various types of strong-poisoned scorpions that originate in North Africa

...Codename, ***Scorpion.***

My name is Sasori...

It forces the continued development of the action potential of your nerve cells...

...causing your muscles to contract and thus hastening respiratory failure.

Scorpion Neurotoxin.

Your body...

...rapidly paralyzes itself.

...out of about 1,000 species, there are only as few as about 20 of them.

...the ones that have dangerous toxins capable of causing extreme danger to the human body.

...they give off the image that they are just bugs that have deadly poisons, however...

Speaking of scorpions...

However, their existence...

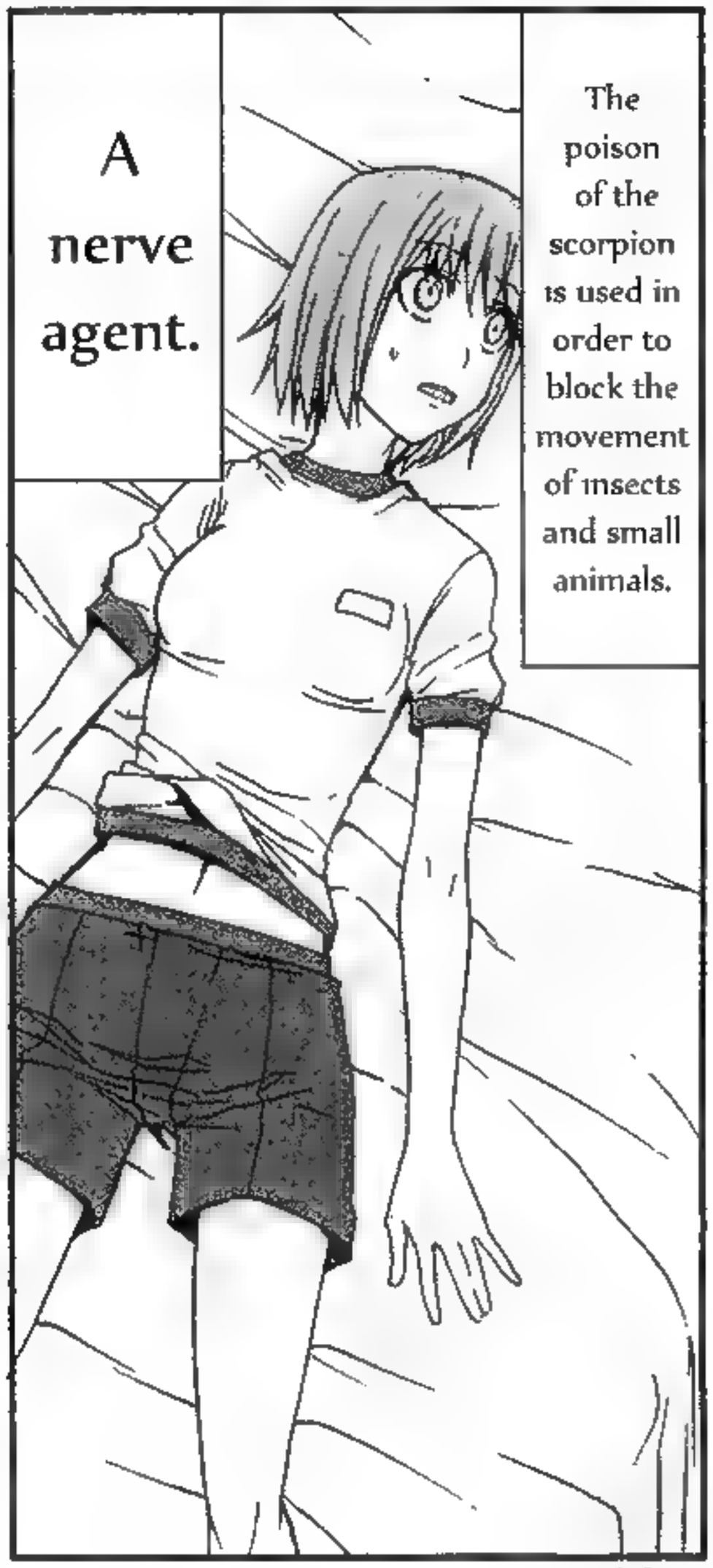
It's a mystery of life.

...is often argued between many researchers.

...they are opposed to mammals, which are neither their food nor their enemy.

If it's bees that have the potential of attacking humans or even bears, generally speaking...

A nerve agent.



The poison of the scorpion is used in order to block the movement of insects and small animals.

However, logical reasons for why a scorpion would possess such a toxin...

...there isn't a single one.

What we do know is...

...the poisons of these trained scorpions, which have undergone several hundreds of years of natural selection...

...This has never been completely clarified.

Through what kind of evolutionary process did they undergo in order to result in having these strong poisons capable of injuring or killing people..?

I won't kill you too quickly.

...immobile feast of hers...

In order for Sasori to eat the finely diced...

There is only this known fact.

...came about at the same time as this "anti-human" weapon.

I shall slowly...

...take my time killing you..!
♡

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Chapter 8 : Thank You Very Much

Scorpion Neurotoxin.

...Only your conscousness is distinctly left.

A state where you cannot reach death...

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In order for Sasori to eat this finely diced, immobile feast of hers...

I won't kill you too quickly.

I shall slowly...

...take my time killing you..!
♡

This is the original cocktail I made!
♡

Not being able to move, not being able to say a word... It's a perfect blend.

GYAAAAA AAAA!!!

AHHHH HHH!!!

UGH..!

The moment you're released from your paralysis...

Before long, the effect of the poison will fade.

...All those voices that you've been collecting inside.

...You'll let out in a single breath...

you will be completely unable to say a word.

While I'm savouring your fear of death,

GUH... UGHH...

GYA-

.....

This...

...That is my hobby.

4ヒキ

Intercepting those and collecting them...

This person...

...is completely insane..!

Your sense of feeling will return in about five minutes

...you'll sing in for me...

I wonder what kinda voice...

CLICK

CLICK

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It's not opening...

CLICK

CLICK

Huh?

Heyyy!!!

CLICK

I'm pretty sure you're here!

CLICK

Please open up!

Hey! Sensei!!

I can't record like this...

Damn.

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What's your problem?

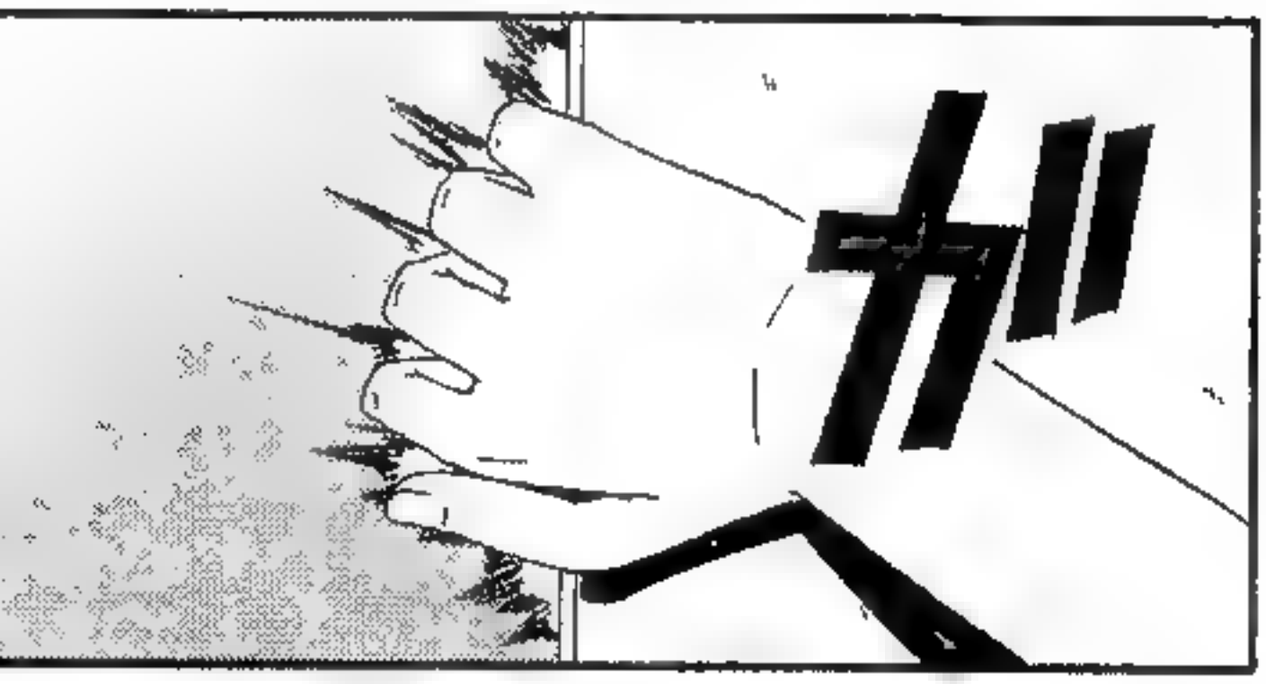
There's a sick person in here.

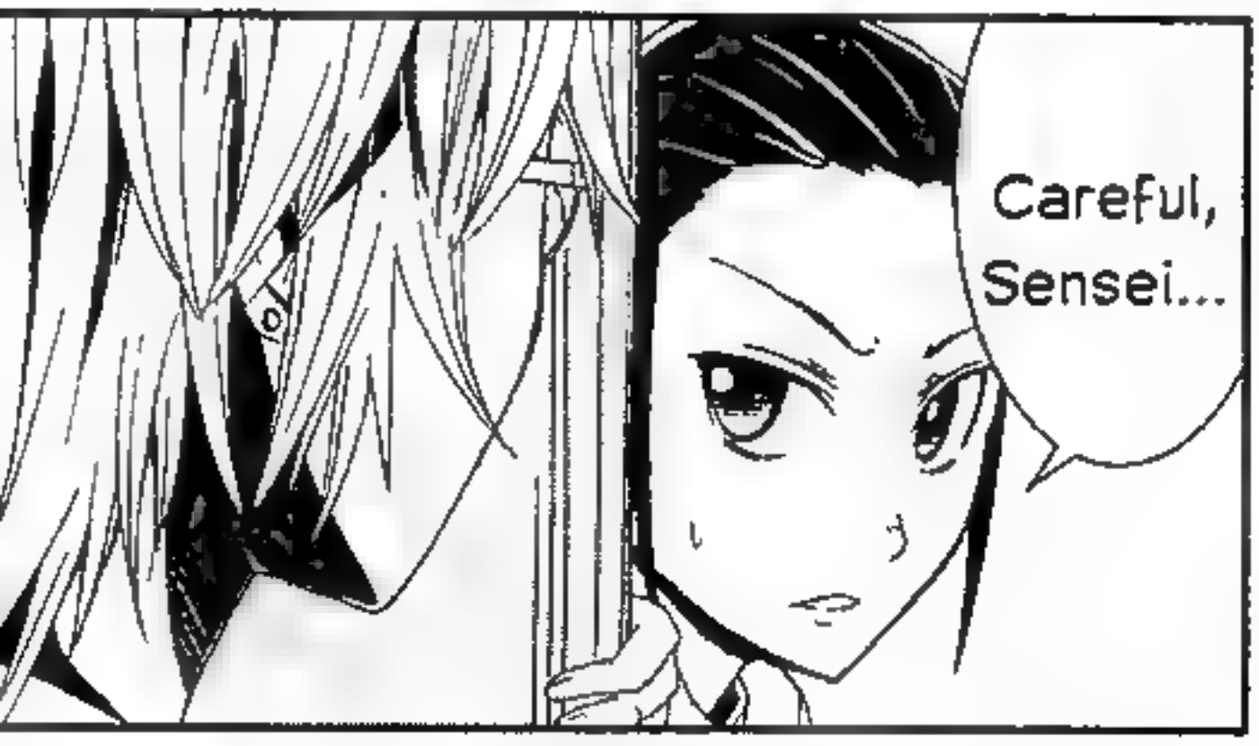
Could you please be quiet?

She's sleeping.

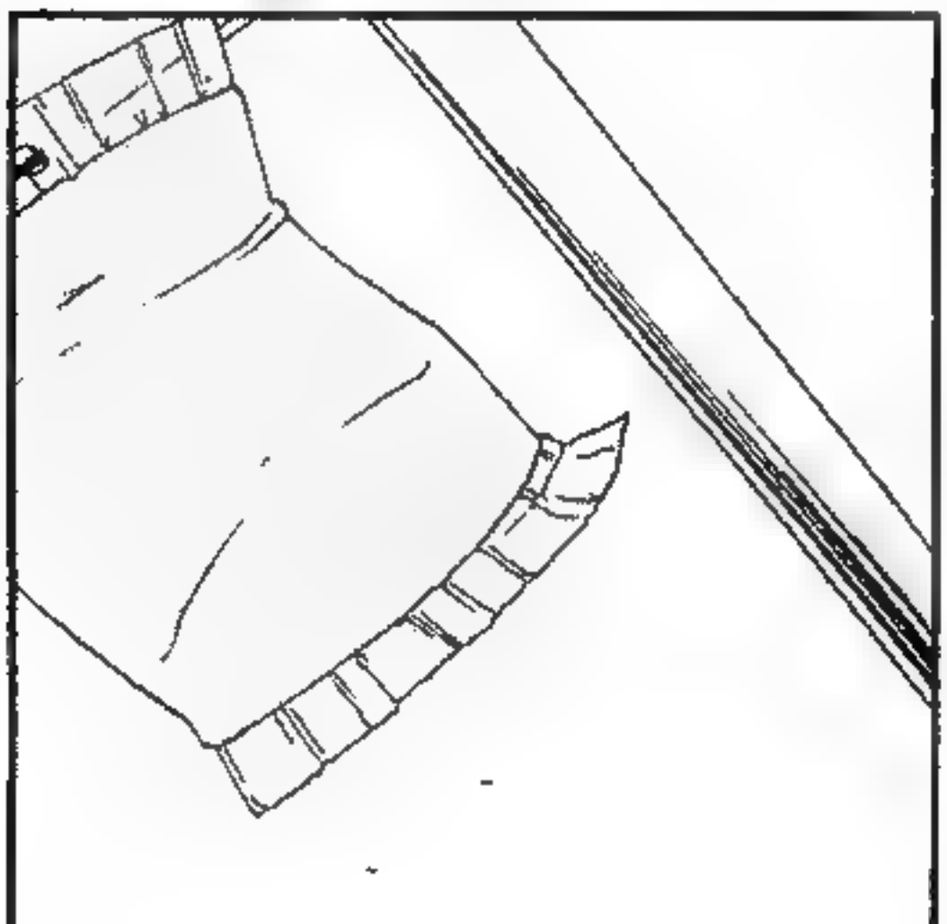
Let me see her

I have something to say to that sick person.

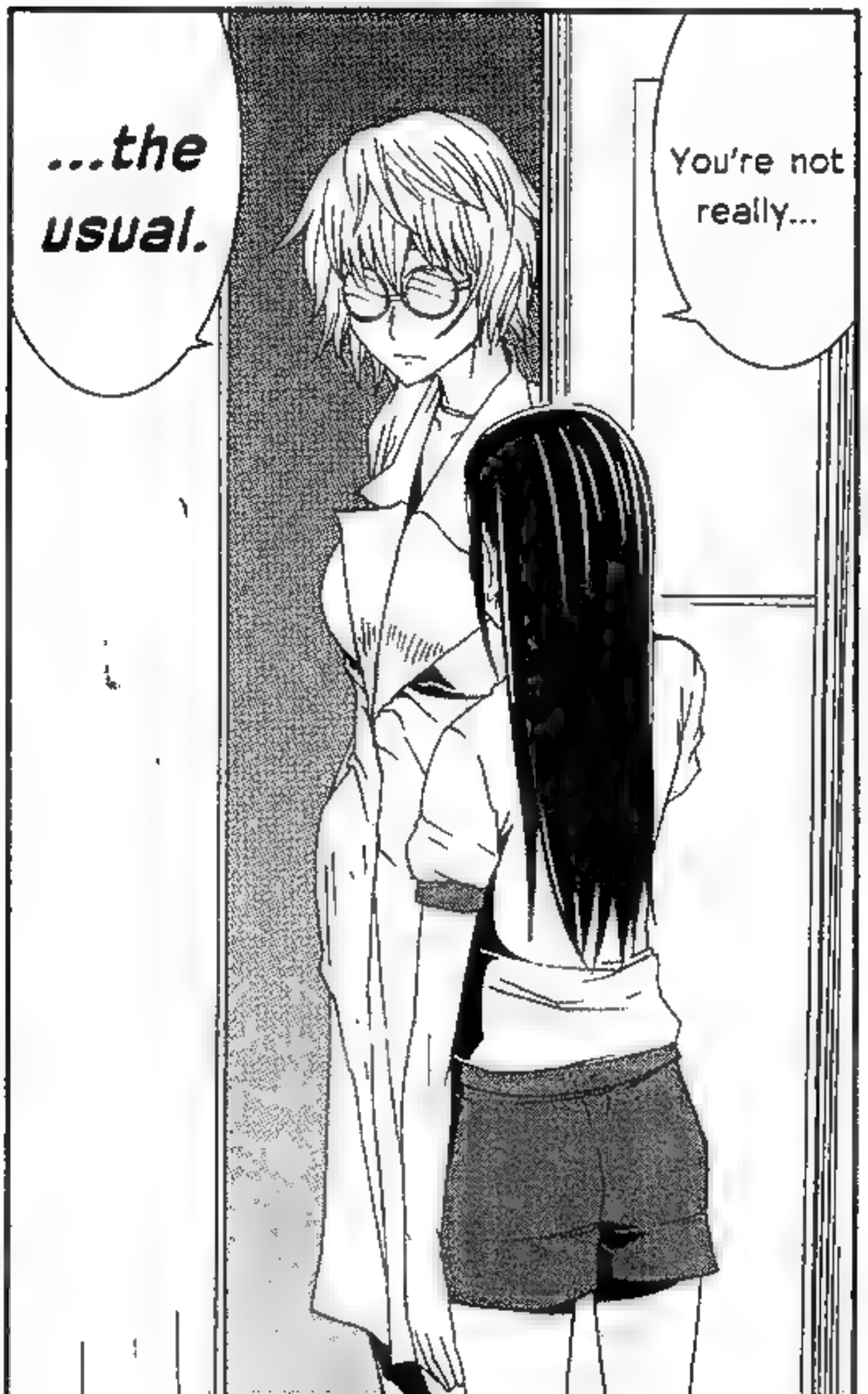



Careful, Sensei...

I'll be careful...
Yes...



...and come back after school.
She's currently resting, so leave...


...the usual.
You're not really...

What's that sound?

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CHE-

This is bad.

I need to move my body.

Well I wonder...

This is kinda fishy...

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...I can't move it enough.

Kumoito also...

Sure.

.....

Could you let me look inside?

Inside.

...Come on in.

Okay.

Tajima-
san..!

Wha-

CLICK

Why
are you
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What's
this...

Why did you loc-

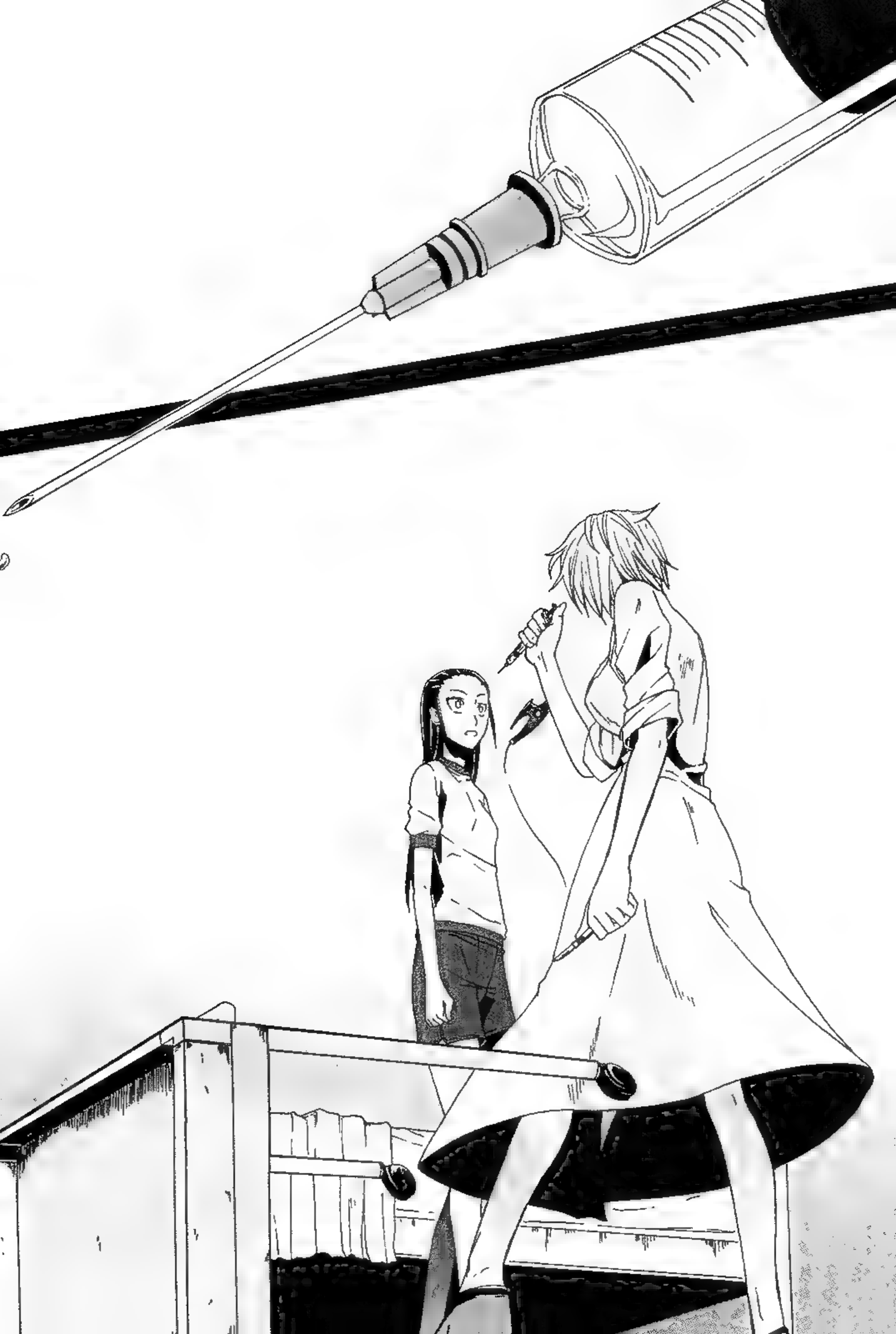
Wait...

...Lucky catch.

Well...

...two people, huh!

Today, I get to record...



Ah..?

...only be able to move your eyes and fingertips, but...

I still expected that you would...

You were saying?

Haa...

Haa...

Alice..?

A-

...her fingers themselves can move...

By wrapping her fingers with that thread...

!

No...

...her entire body...

...she can manipulate...

...and with just her fingers being able to move...

She entangled her entire body with thread...

...do that kind of complex manipu-lation...

With just her fingers, how did she...

...It's different when it's just simple movements, however...

I can't believe it...

..also possess a special organ in order for them to entangle their webs.

Incidentally, arachnids...

...they possess a special organ.

In order for scorpions to inject their poison,

...The type of arachnid that stretches their web nests and so forth...

Arachnids originally had two claws at the end of their legs, however...

...Their third *claw.*

...They possess something which was developed so they could entangle their webs...

...It's possible for them to manipulate threads that are only micrometres thick.

...and their link with their comb-shaped bristles...

With their miniscule claws that have no teeth on them...

...with just their fingertips...

That is, arachnids.

...can be knitted together.

...Elabourate traps that are made from complicated patterns...

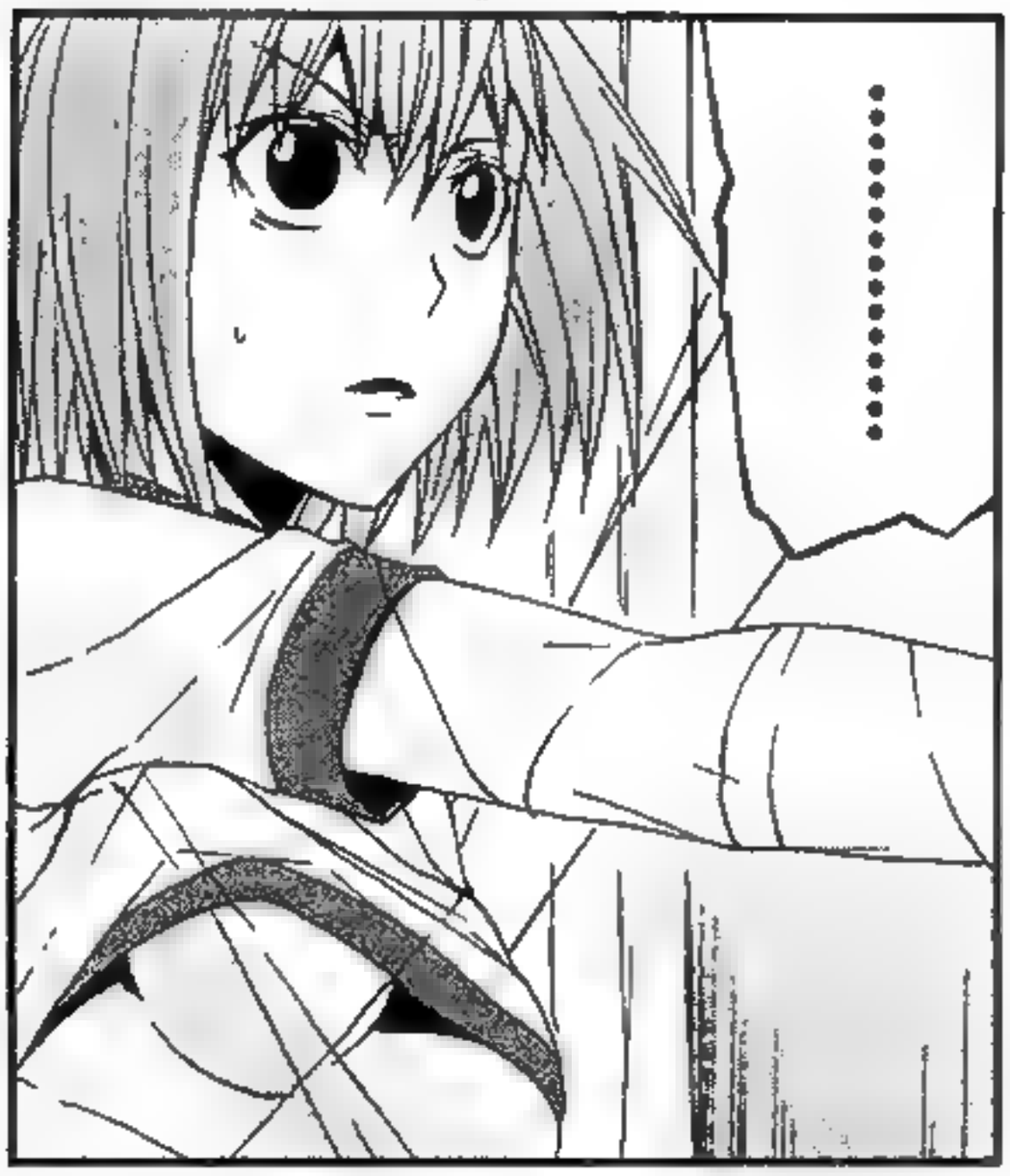
I see...
So what's necessary is really...

Heh...

...I guess these slow drugs won't work, will they..?

...Just using my Scorpion Neurotoxin...

...To an arachnid as my enemy...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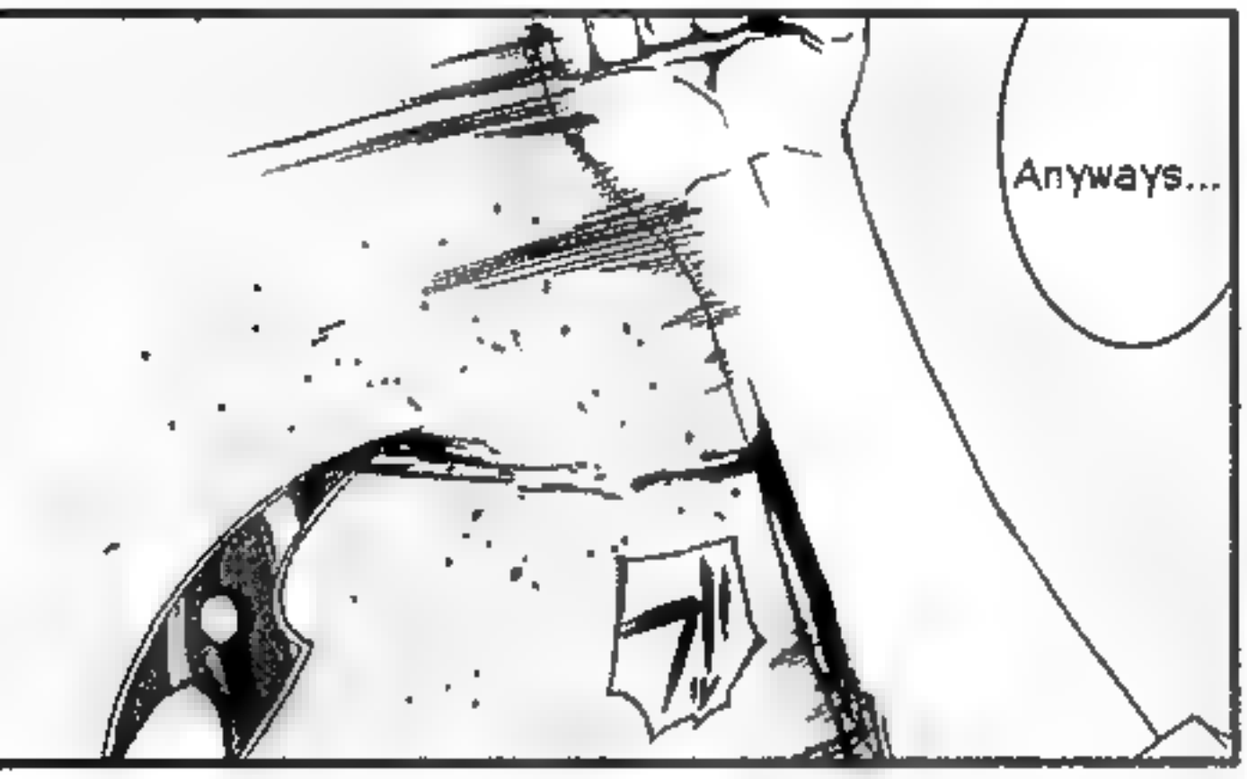
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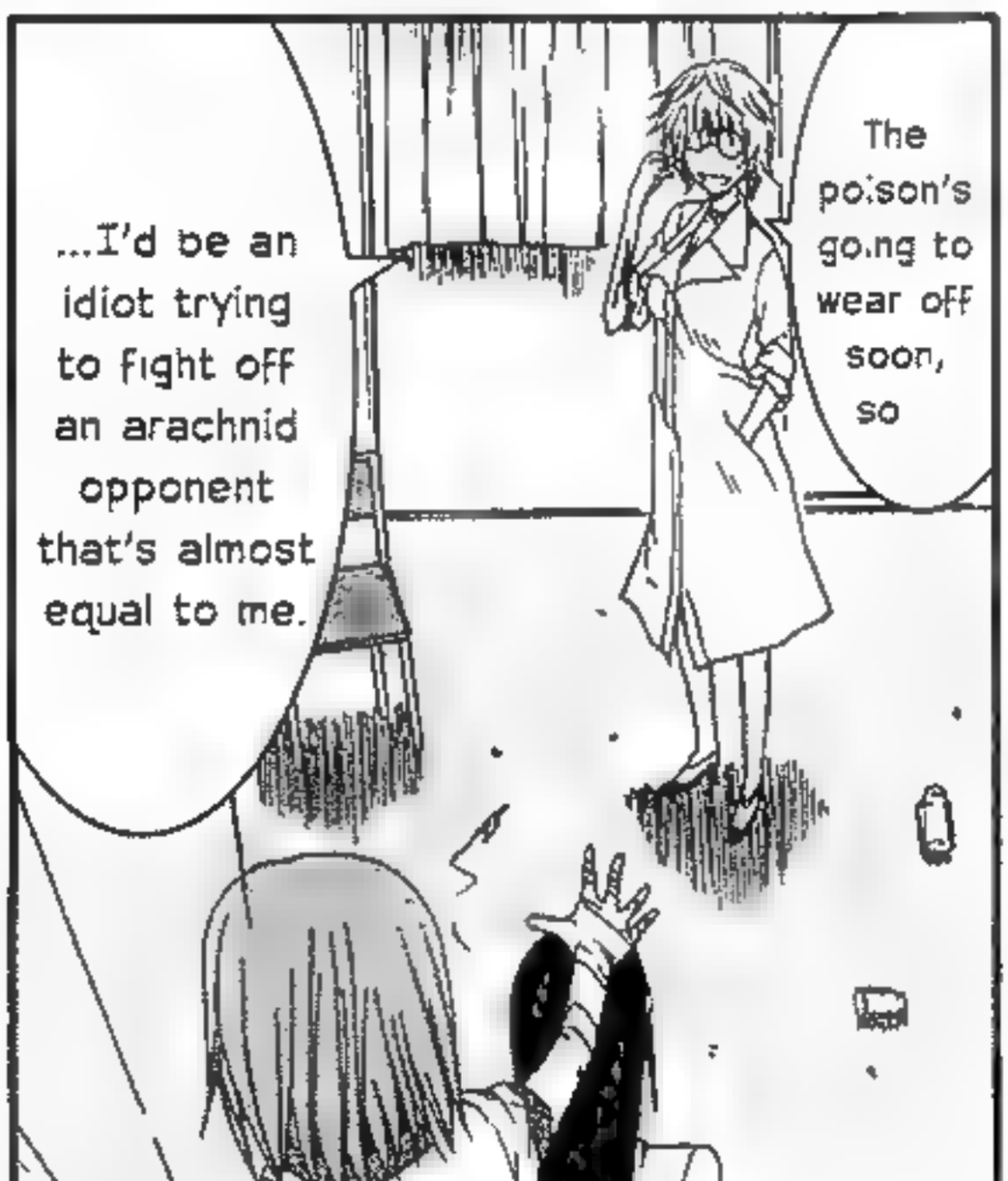

...I'd be an idiot trying to fight off an arachnid opponent that's almost equal to me.
The poison's going to wear off soon, so

I guess I need to use this, hmm..?
Fatal Scorpion Toxin.

Bye now!

...Let's set up our traps carefully, mmkay? ♡

Between the two of us, until next time...

Haa...

Haa...

ガラピシャ

Arachnids and scorpions are related species.

They both hold their breaths, unmoving, one like the other...

...preferring to use their stalk-and-wait tactics.

They have a disposition that is fundamentally the same. So to speak, their existence is of the same kin

Phylum Arthropoda

Subphylum Myriapoda

Subphylum Chelicerata

Subphylum Pancrustacea

Both of them belong to the classification called the ***Chelicerata Arachnida.***

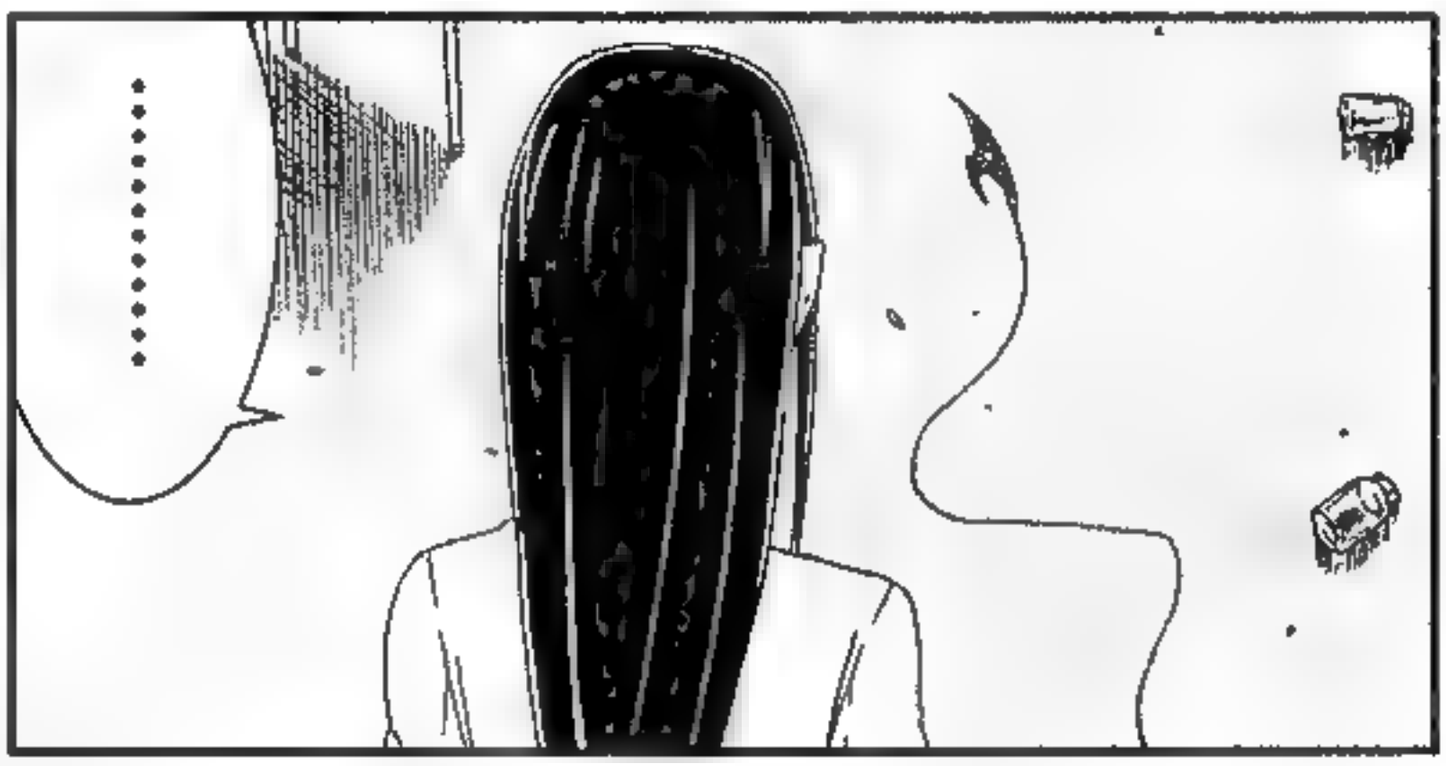
Chilopoda

Xiphosura

Arachnida

Pycno-gonida

Insecta



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Wait, Alice!

W-

Eh?

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Hey!!

Are you okay?!

Stomach...

Ah...

Is that so..?

Is...

...It's hungry...

...My stomach...

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Episode 1

Homeless

Mission

Just how homeless are you!

You don't even have the money to buy bread..

Geez...

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I'll definitely return the money, so...

I'm sorry!

About what you said...

...was real, huh..?

...What I saw earlier...

I can't believe even one bit of it, but...

...It didn't seem likely that that would have been your true identity after all.

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Umm...

U-

.....

...to Tajima-san as well...

I said awful things...

...Why did you come to the infirmary?

Why...

...so I thought I'd just get the truth out of you.

I thought you were hiding something...

Nothing in particular.

.....

T-

I'm persistent, so

I think I know already, but...

...I barely managed to escape death.

Because of you.

Thank you very much.

Instead of that...

I don't need your gratitude, okay..?

.....

Eh?

...Stay at my house.

Starting today...

But...

Why..?

Rather, I'm quite thankful for that, but...

N-No...

Is there something wrong?

At any rate, you don't have anywhere to go.

...I have no idea when she's going to target me!

That crazy woman...

Do you really have to ask?!

At least until this situation is under control...

It's all because of you that I got dragged into this!

N-No...

...You aren't wrong...

Am I wrong?!

..you should protect me 24 hours a day!

As long as you get it...

Heh.

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Haa...

Haa...

Haa...

As long as you get it...

Fujii-san's uniform... I just can't take it...

Ahh... Such a great scent...

Haa...

Haa...

Haa...

Fuwaaah hhhhhh...

Fuhhh...

...Her face would be distorted by feelings of disgust...

But...

Haa...

Haa...

...Wouldn't that be the greatest...

Tramp.ng on me Twist.ng my arms Making fun of me

...Fujii-san would surely despise me, right..?

Haa...

If she knew I was doing this kind of stuff...

Haa...

Ahh...

If she comes to hate me, I'd love that...

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ARACHNID

Chapter 9 : I Will Not Allow You to Steal Anything Else

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What?

That's all your luggage?

It's okay to loosen up a bit moving in here.

You...

I... basically don't have anything, so...

Ah, yes.

And what about your parents..?

E- Erm...

Ehhhh
hhhhh
hhhhh
hhhhh
hhhhh
hhhh...

I live here by myself.

What're you talking about?

...has this much money...

Tajima-san's family...

...By your-self..?!

I-In this house...

Wha...

W-

...Use whichever you like

There are three vacant rooms, so...

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...This room is too large, but...

With me as the only one using this...

I think this will be fine...

.....

Ah.

That's right.

I'm getting this nostalgic feeling about some place

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What the..?

...the room I lived with my mother in...

When I was little...

...was just about...

...as large as this one...

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I need to calm down more...

This isn't the right time...

For now...

Don't cry...

This is bad...

And also...

...I need to live...

...I need to protect.

I cannot allow Tajima-san to be exposed to the eyes of any kind of danger.

Because of my actions,

. Like how that person...

I need to protect her...

...had protected me...

...How Kumo...

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It's probably just my imagination, but...

.....

...cons-picuously sticking out..?

. Doesn't it appear like we're kinda.

Well that's pretty obvious, right?

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But who cares? None of that even matters.

Anyhow, they're saying a lot of stuff behind our backs..

...suddenly being great friends and surrounded with these handmade bentou...

Up until yesterday, these two girls who had the worst possible relationship...

Whatever anybody decides to say...

Hmm"

TL Note: In Japan, as you know, bentou is a boxed lunch usually with rice and condiments and whatnot, but the significance is that if you're not the one who prepared or bought it, the person who did is in a very close relationship to you of sorts. Like family, lovers, close friends, etc.

Under-stood.

It's perfectly fine.

...Move together with me as much as you possibly can.

Wha-

Yori?!

Just what the heck are you doing.

What's this..?

Wait...

Impos-sible...

30...

I-

...together with Alice.

I'm eating bentou...

Can't you tell from looking?

"What..."

CHE-

...How annoying... Those two girls...

Geez...

I don't know any Yori!

THIS IS THE BEST FOR ALL OF US!

The heck's with that... Bleh... What a bore...

Oi! Wait a sec!

YOU PIGS!

...I'm gonna go lightly strangle them a bit.

Anyway, I'm a bit irritated now, so...

It's fine. Those two are just...

Because of me...

I-I'm sorry...

Relationsh ps are great, aren't they.

.....

TL Note: In Japanese, Yori just yelled, "mesubuta," which literally means, "female pig." It's an insult usually given to female prostitutes because they're considered unclean.

She's taking a rather long time, isn't she...

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Ah-

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About Tajima-san...

Erm...

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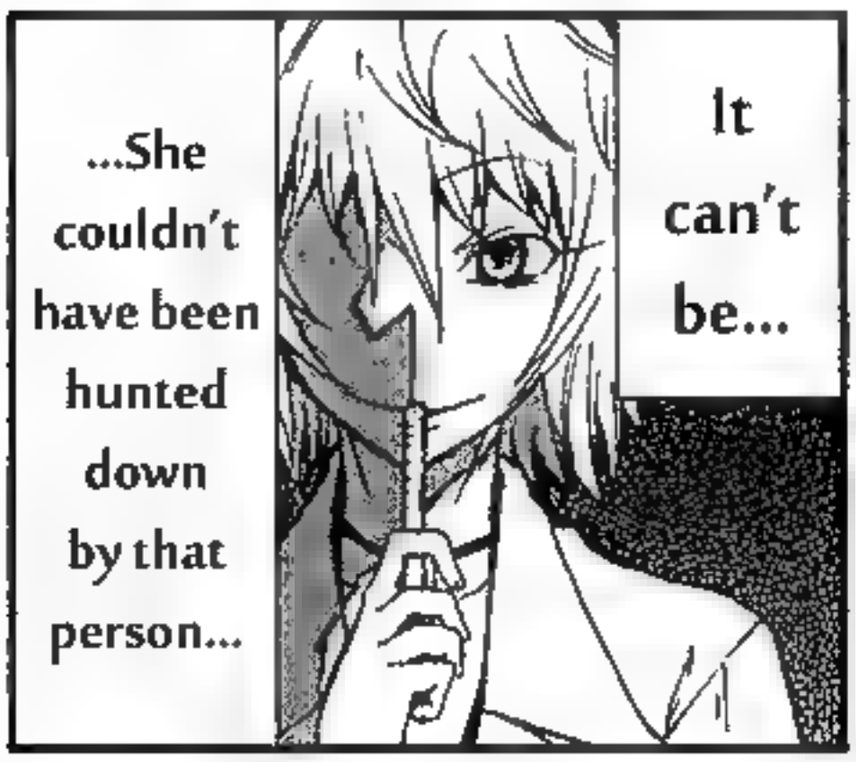
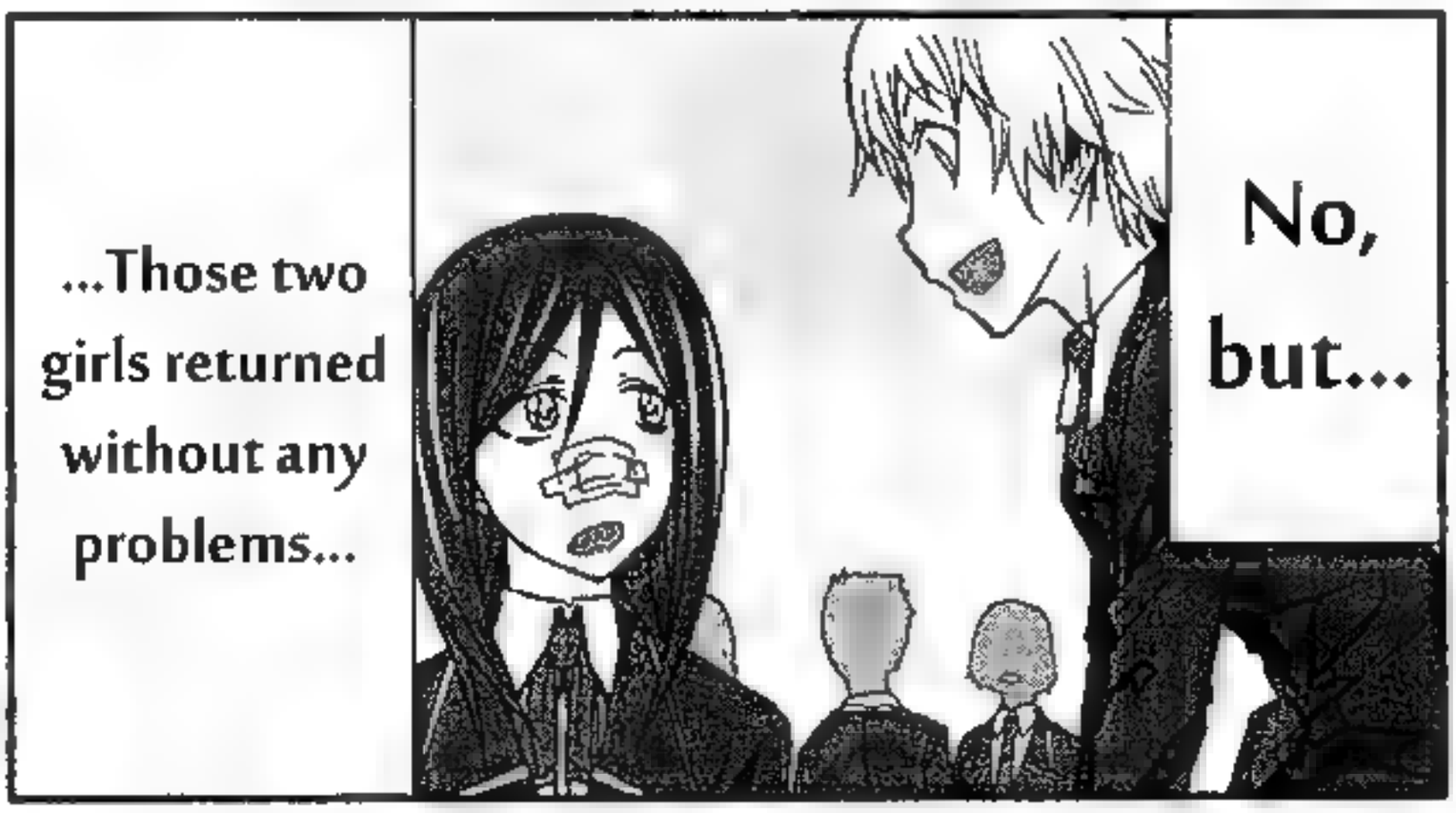
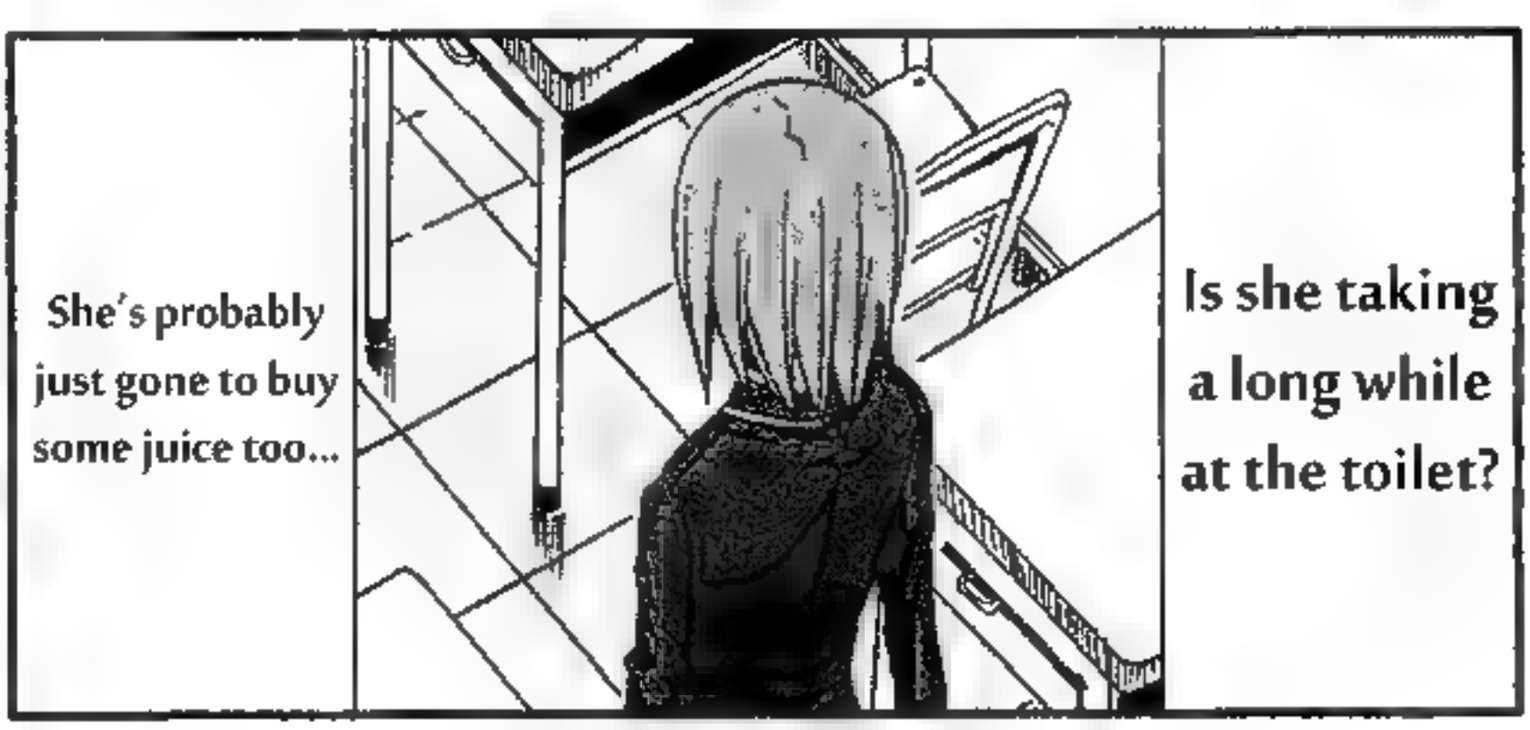
We didn't talk to her.
No idea.


...She couldn't have been hunted down by that person...
It can't be...


...Those two girls returned without any problems...
No, but...


She's probably just gone to buy some juice too...
Is she taking a long while at the toilet?

Tajima Yoriko is to
my hands. Come to
the Audio-Visual Room
on the Third Floor
immediately.

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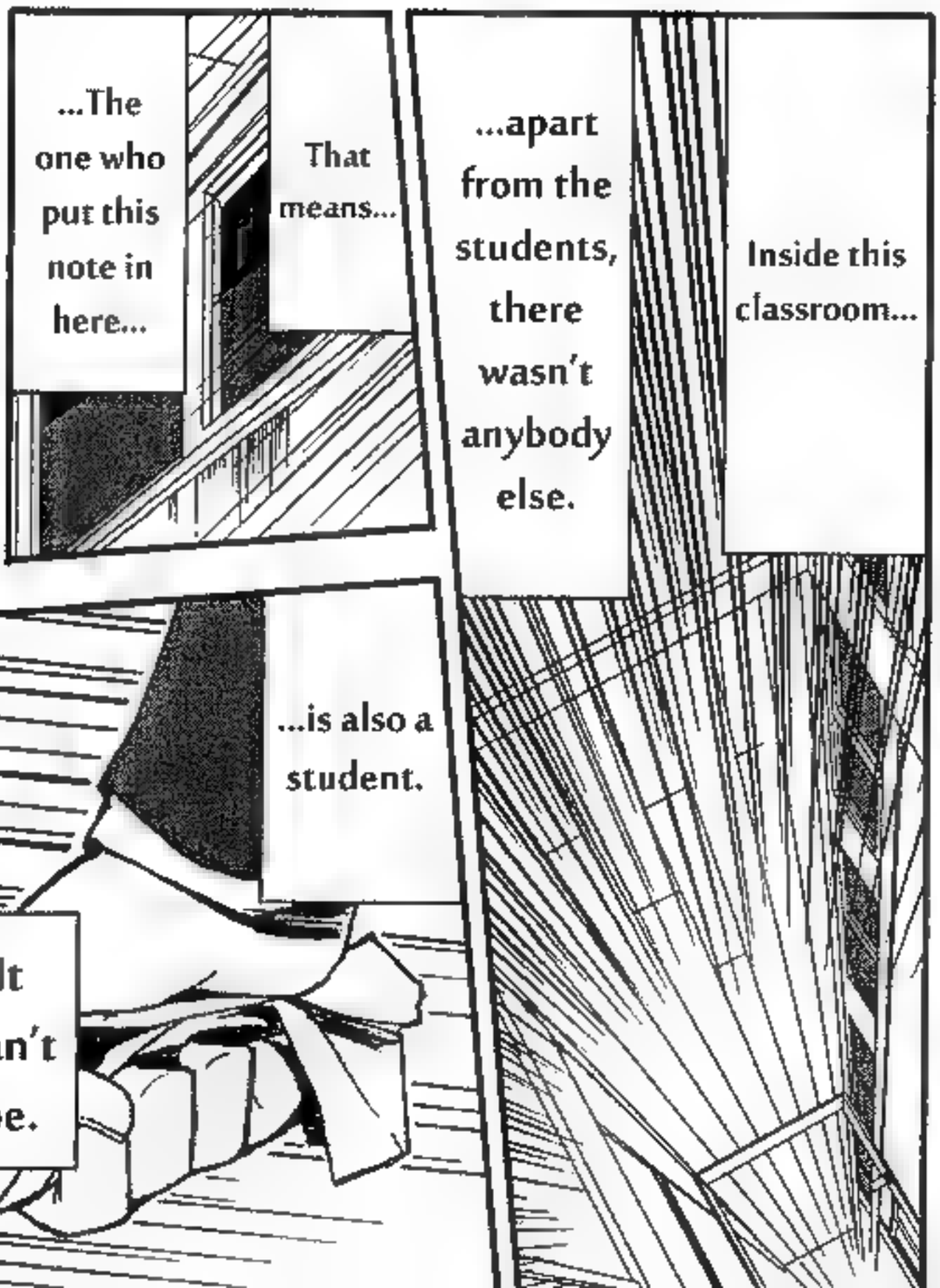
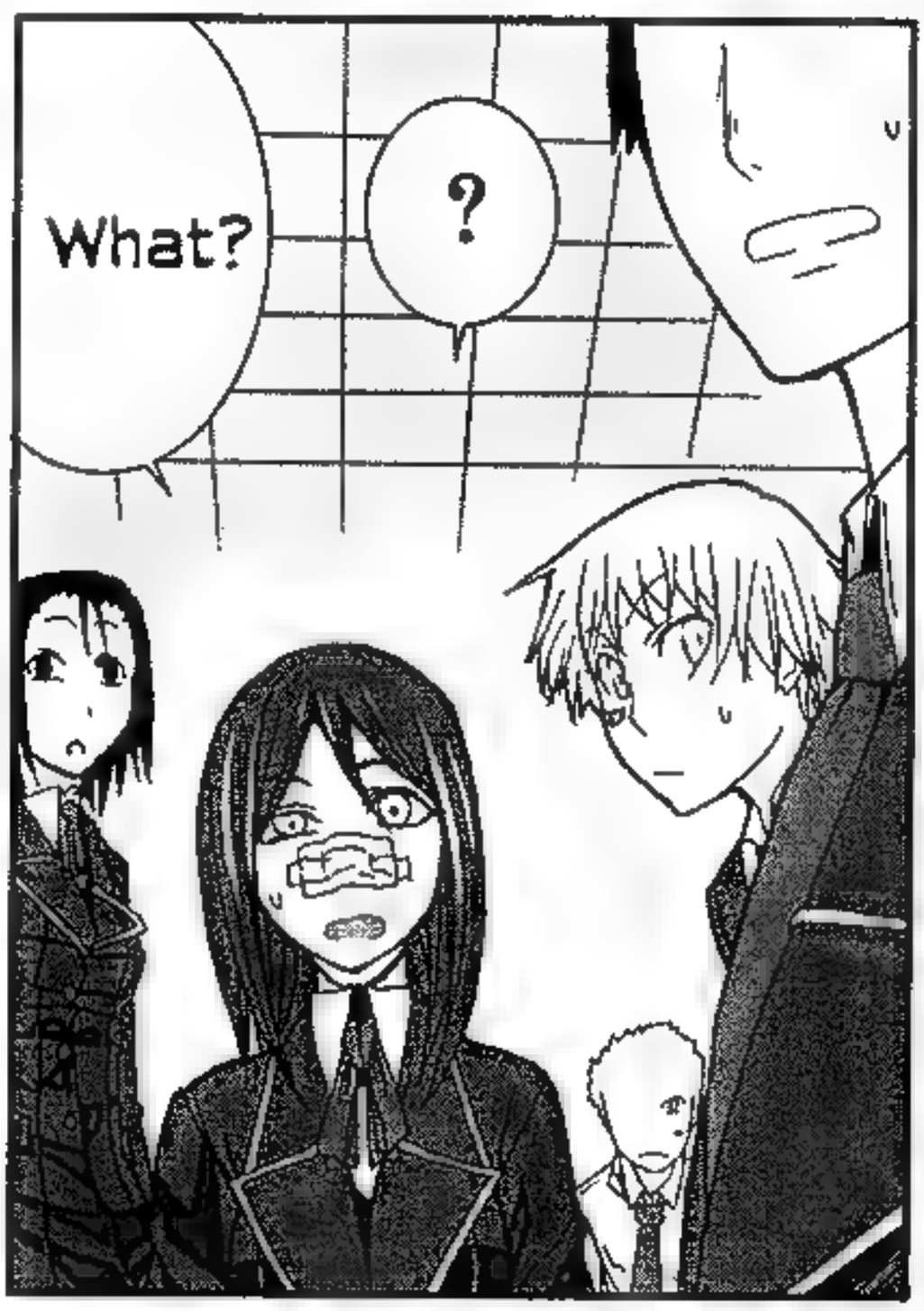

...The one who put this note in here...
That means...
...apart from the students, there wasn't anybody else.
Inside this classroom...
...is also a student.
It can't be.


What?
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...member from The Organization inside our class too..?!

There's another...

AUDIO-VISUAL ROOM

There aren't any sounds.

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...inside this room.
There is nobody...
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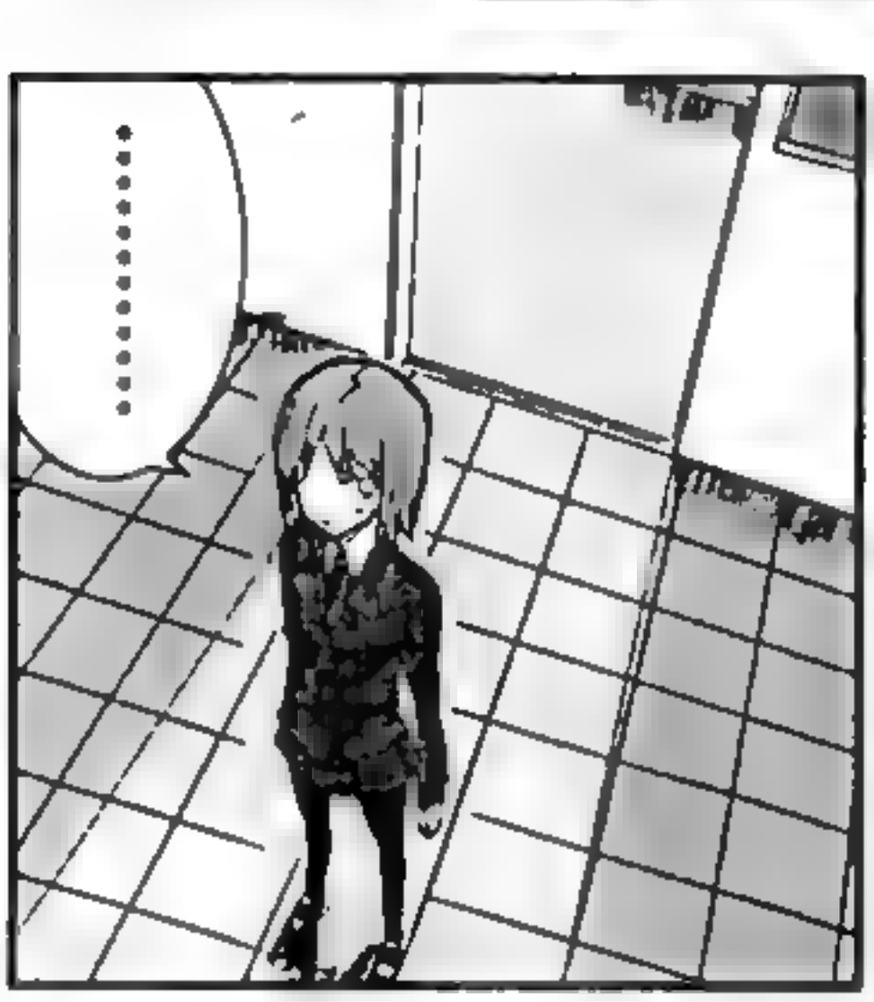
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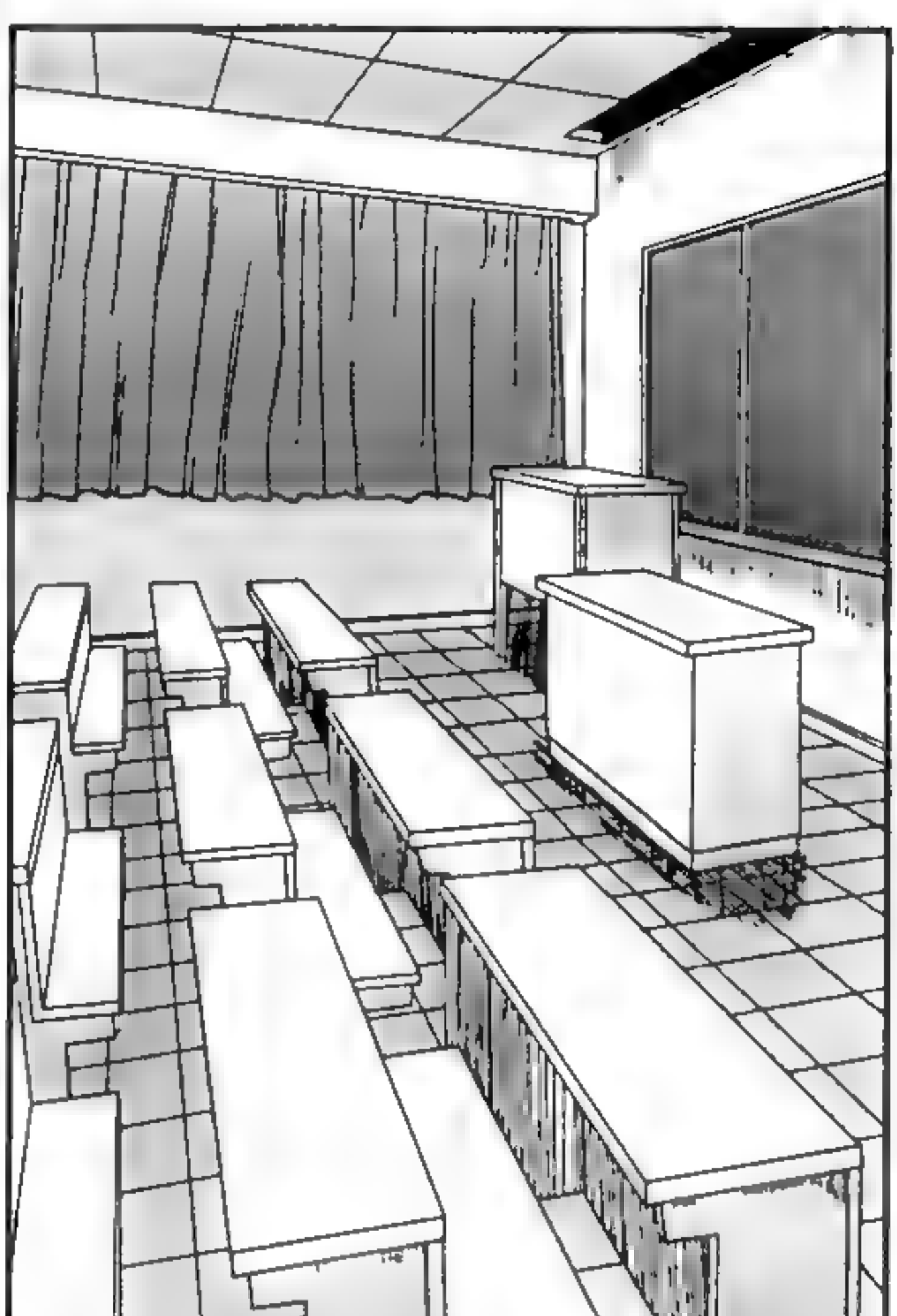

White!

It's just as I had imagined!

Looks like you weren't aware of me, huh!

As well as me being here...

...And also that I had vanished from the classroom!

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...Before you even notice, poof..!

And my name is...

Before you even notice...

Pleased to meet 'cha!

...Gokiburi!

Yeah, I'm a cockroach.

...A child that always stays simply obedient at a corner of the classroom...

...turns out to be an assassin of The Organization...

...Oki Megumi...

This person is definitely ...

But it seems that Fuji-san's just like the others when it comes to me too

I thought we could be in love with each other, since we're both similarly hated companions

Suddenly attacking me out of the blue...

Oh how scary...

gives off such a pleasant feeling

However, forcing those people to be submissive

...doesn't it, Alice?

...It's like you really hate me, huh...

..Similar to them .

Where is she?

Tajima-san.

...It's so great being hated...

Ahh...

Won't 'cha become my friend?

Forget her, join me in The Organization

I refuse.

An imbalanced female delinquent towards such a pure Fujii-san...

Does it even matter whatever happens to that girl?

Tajima-san, huh?

I will not allow you...

...to steal anything else!

I've already decided that from this point on...

TL Note "You" in this context refers to The Organization, not just Gokiburi

...I just can't bear it...

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That gaze of yours filled with such hatred...

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...Their Freedom...

...And also their innocence...

To the ones you hate most... Stealing their friends...

...I JUST CAN'T BEAR IT!!!

FOR ME...

THAT KIND OF HUMILI-ATION...

She's fast.

However..

If I attack her...

...from her blind spot...

!?

So you can still control it even while it's in flight...

Well...

Ehh...

...That's the feeling I'm getting, hehe...

"So what?"

.....

I CAN SENSE IT HAPPENING BEFORE-HAND.

REGARD-LESS OF WHICHEVER DIRECTION YOU ATTACK FROM,

SO TO SPEAK...

...A MATTER OF SPEED.

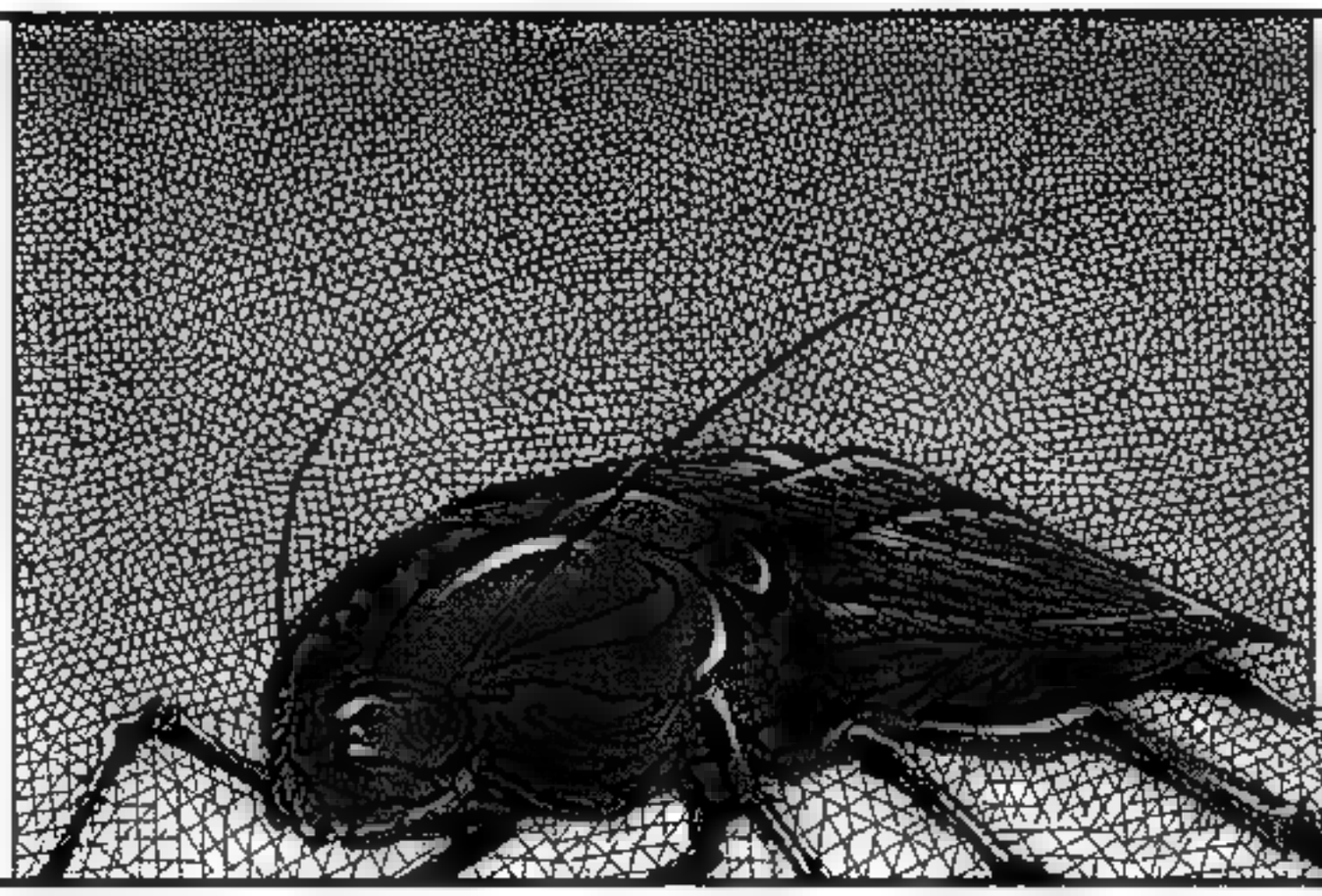
IT'S NOT SIMPLY...

ANY MOVEMENT TOWARDS ME...

...IT'S AS IF I CAN READ ALL OF THEM!

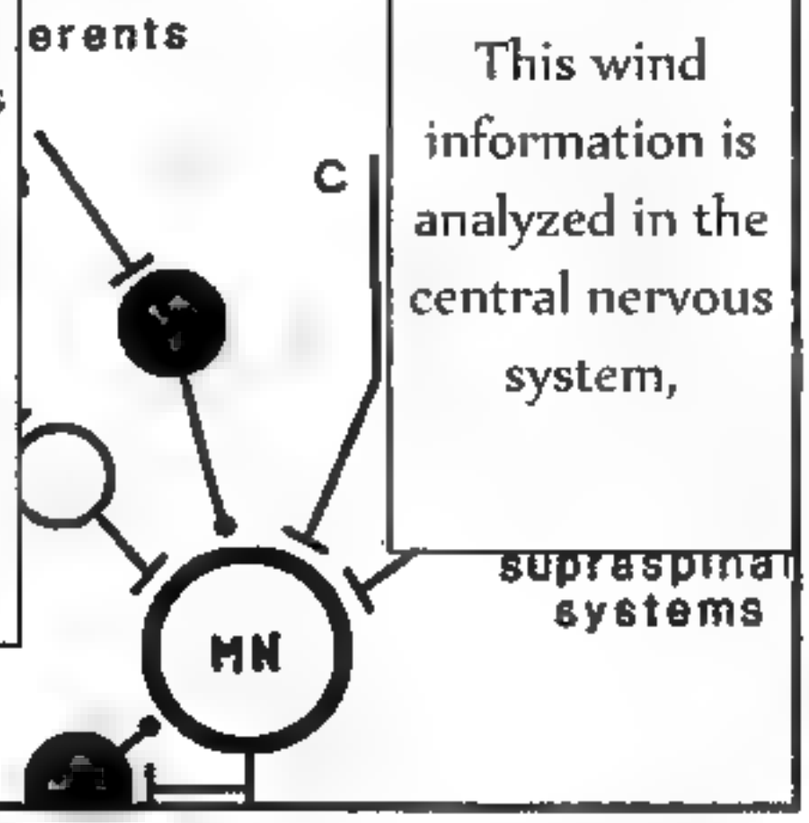
"Reading all movements towards you."

...Splendidly, cockroachs are able to escape from locations where they are on the brink of being attacked.



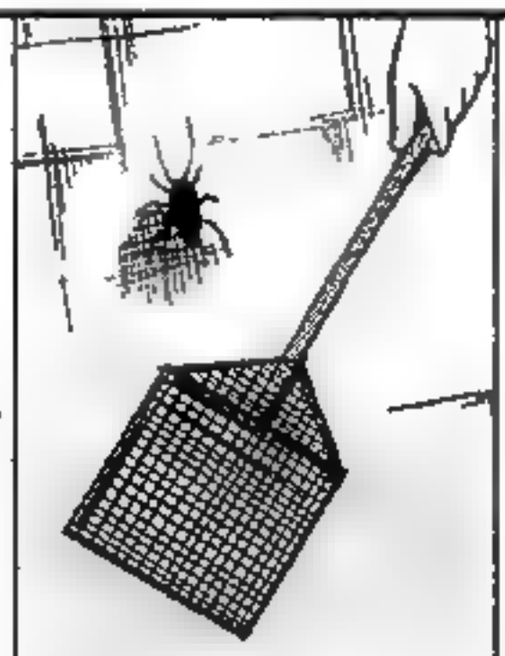
That which is believed to be nothing but impossible...

which handles movements transmitted to its giant interneurons called "*GIs*."



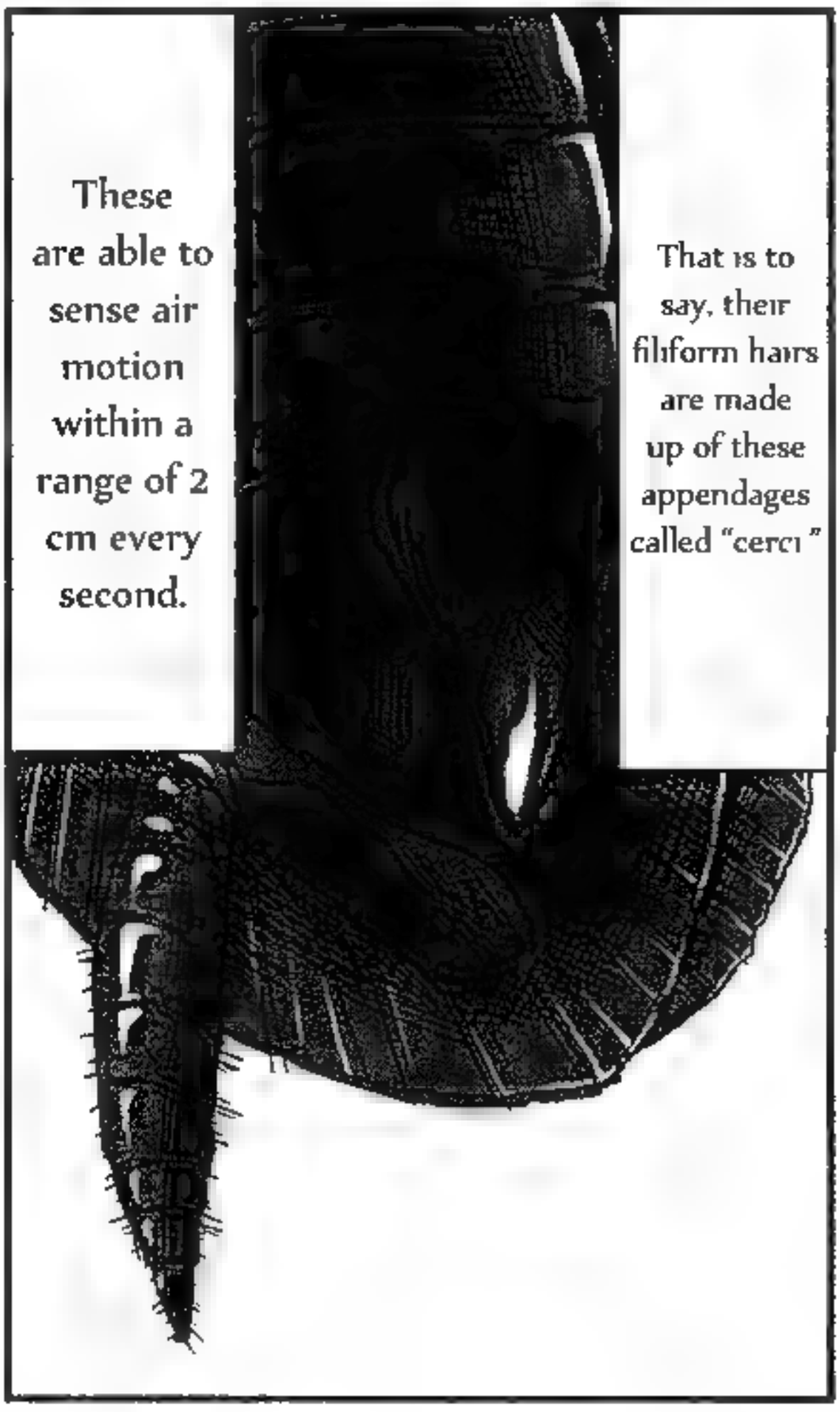
This wind information is analyzed in the central nervous system,

By utilizing this system...



This analysis is the reason why they are able to take instantaneous evasive actions.

These are able to sense air motion within a range of 2 cm every second.



That is to say, their filiform hairs are made up of these appendages called "cerci."

Approximately 10 times faster than a human.

...in fact, *0.044* seconds.

...The time they take before they escape is...

After sensing the faintest movement in air.

I can sense and avoid it before it even happens.

...with even the most subtle sign of an attack,

By perceiving the air flow...

TL Note. If you are interested, you can read more about air motion detection here.
<http://www.jstage.jst.go.jp/article/hikakuseiriseika/25/3/25_96/_article>
Although it's about crickets, the concept of it applies the same to cockroaches as well.
Don't worry, it's in English. Though they do have a Japanese version also, if you want

And that is the cockroach's unique power.

Air Detection.

That is, the air flow.

...I can actually see it.

...that they can "read the atmo-sphere," however...

People like to say...

Ya catch my drift?

...You really are different from my fundamental knowledge of them!

This "arachnid" that can finally fight like all the others just by relying on her "threads..."

I can see through any kind of trap you choose to create.

I understand that you are rather strong.

.....

TL Note: Gokiburi is referring to the fact that she's fought with many arachnids in the past, and that Alice is rather different from those experiences. She's referring to that fact that she's defeated many in the past, and that she isn't to be trifled with.

Mmm, okay, sure.

Please release her right now.

Tajima-san has nothing to do with any of this.

However,

Eh?

So that they can give you your original life back.

But us togetner though.

I will personally discuss it with The Organ-ization.

If you could just accept this condition for me,

Just one condition.

You want me to enter The Organization?

.....

...slave.

You are to become my...

If you could just swear your loyalty to me,

I won't do anything bad towards you

Become my servant.

...in this Fujii-san standing in front of me...

It's probably because I've taken a lotta interest...

Tons, you know. Hehe.

You know there are other ways for me to get it, hm?

What if I say no?

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What should I do then..?

"Do," huh...

Well um.. First I need some proof that you're really my slave, so .

Wear this collar.

Then, stroll around inside the school, bare naked. Ehehehe...

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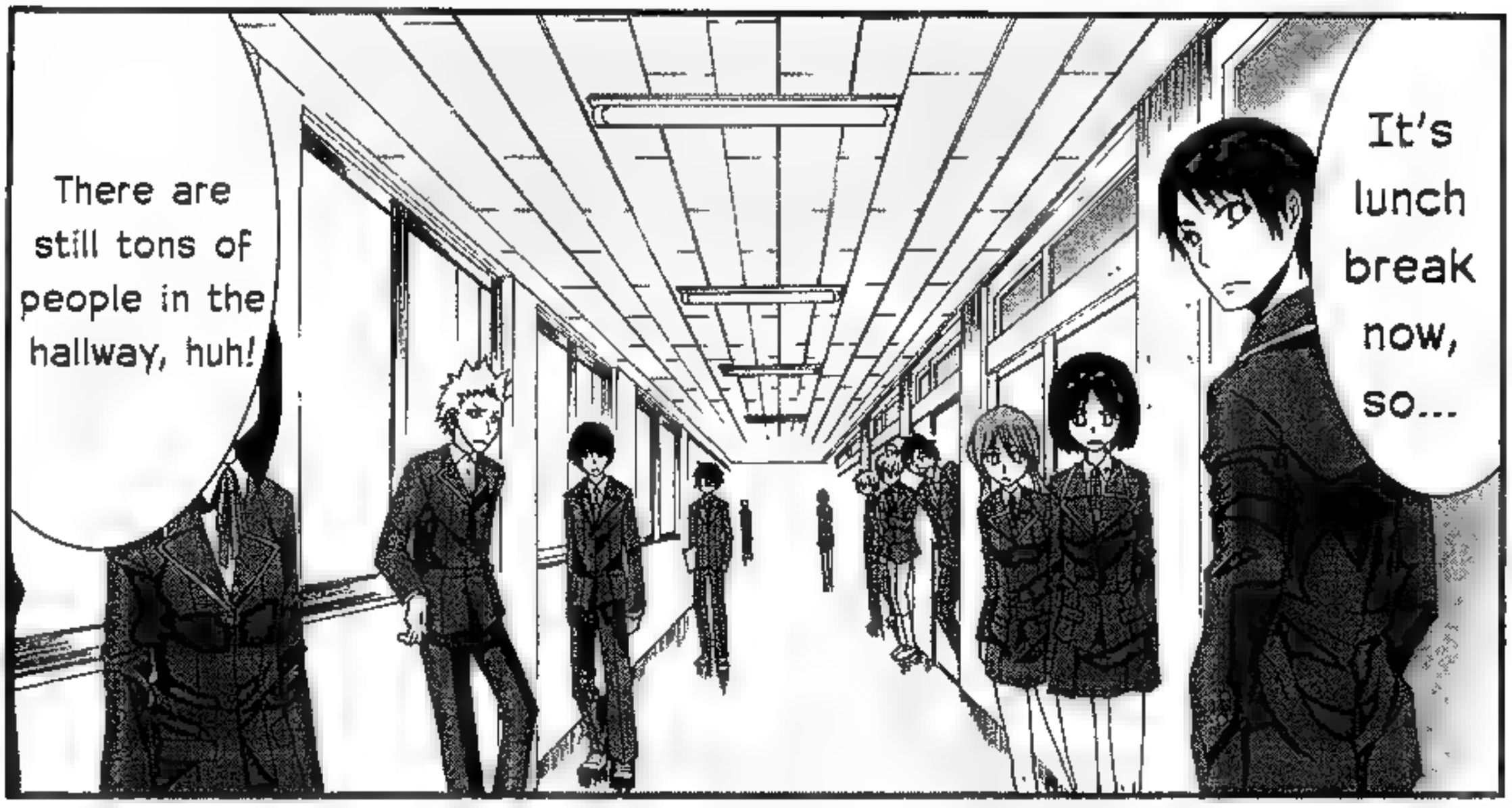
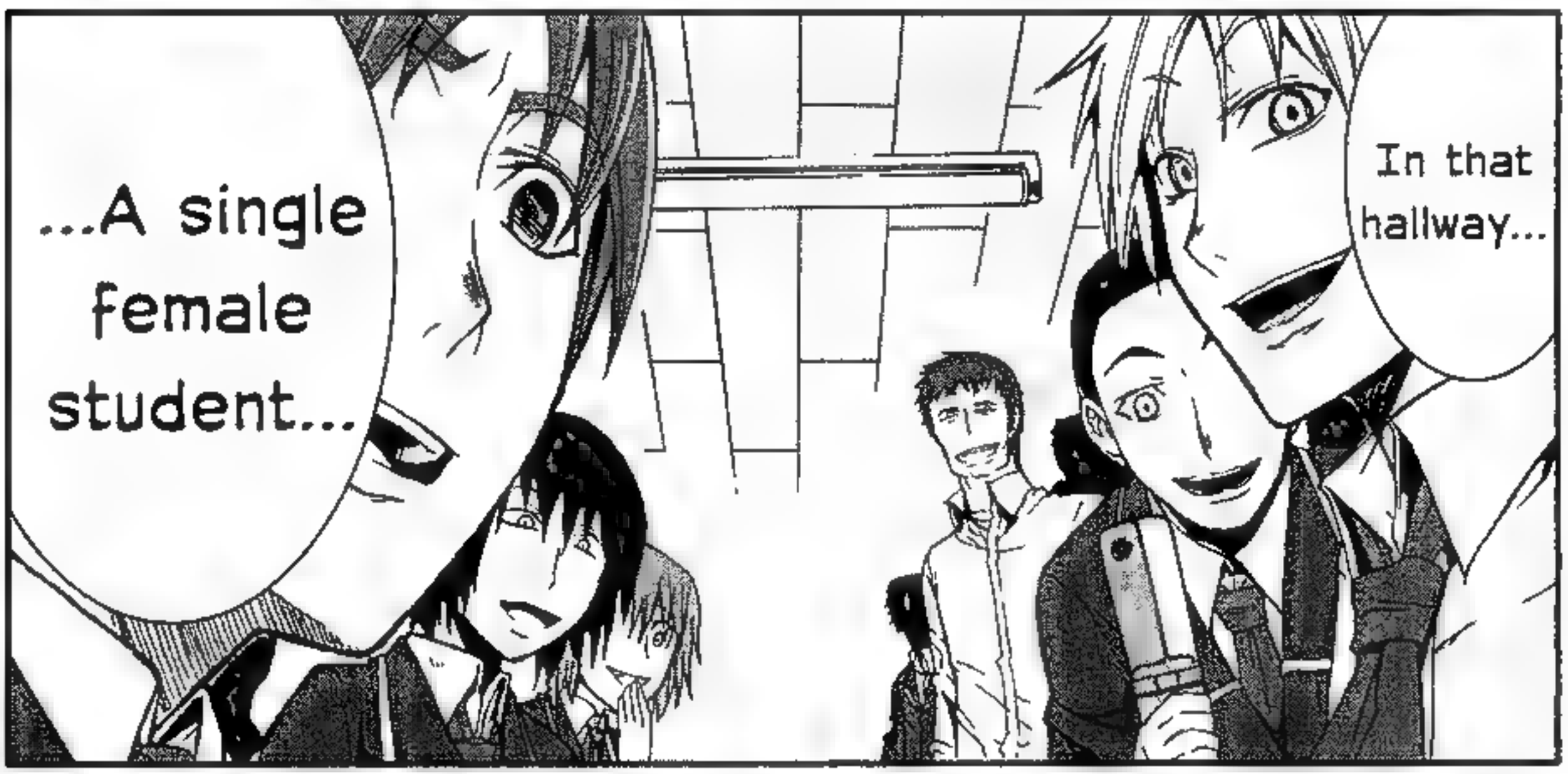
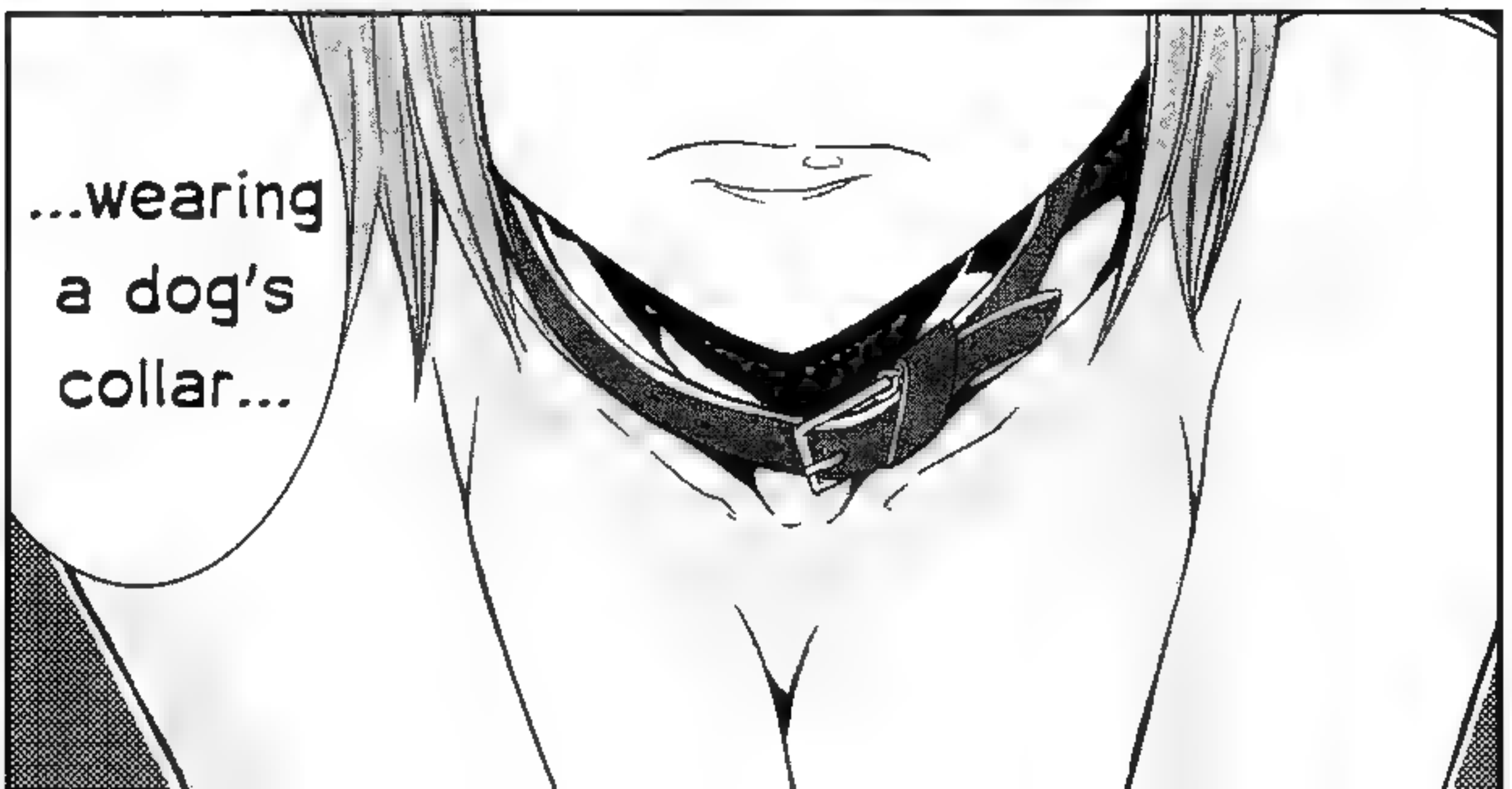
ARACHNID


There are still tons of people in the hallway, huh!
It's lunch break now, so...


...A single female student...
In that hallway...


...wearing a dog's collar...

...strolling around, bare naked!!

Chapter 10: I Believe That There is No Other Way Than That

It's just like a bad ending of an eroge...

...What a perfect situation... I just can't bear it...

Ahhh...

...release Tajima-san, huh...

That way, you can really...

There's probably enough free space, so...

I just have to take a movie of this..!

Oi.

...for a damn slave to talk back to its master!

This ain't the time...

Agreed?!

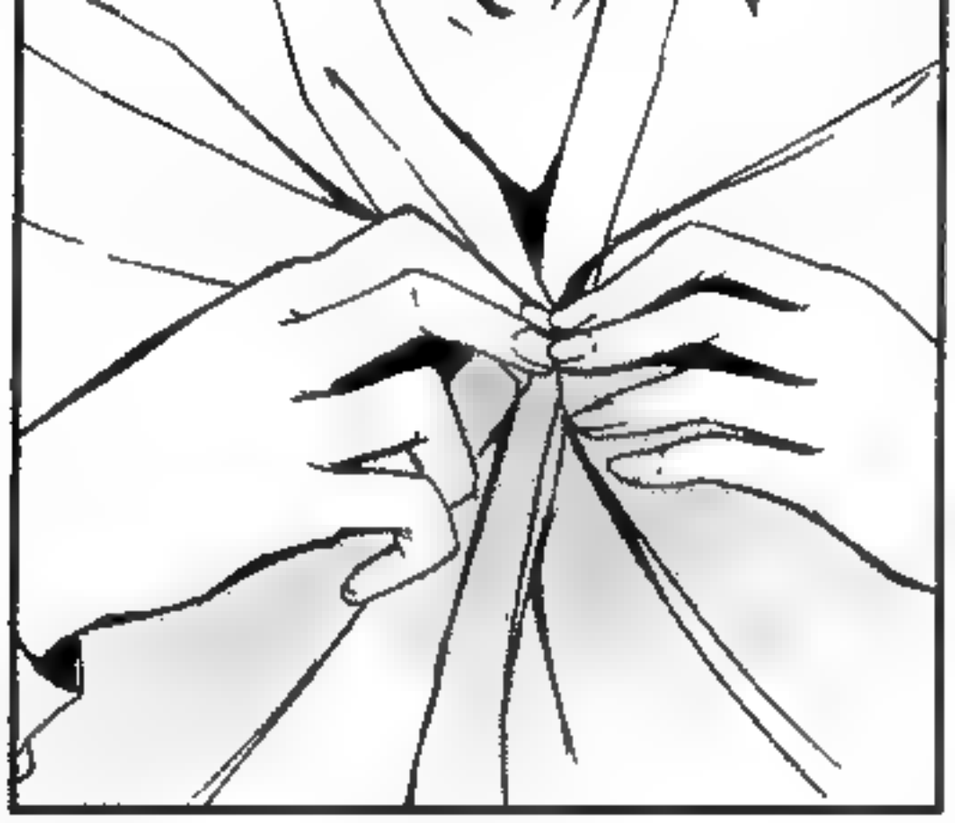
The only time you're free to talk is when I give you permission to do so!

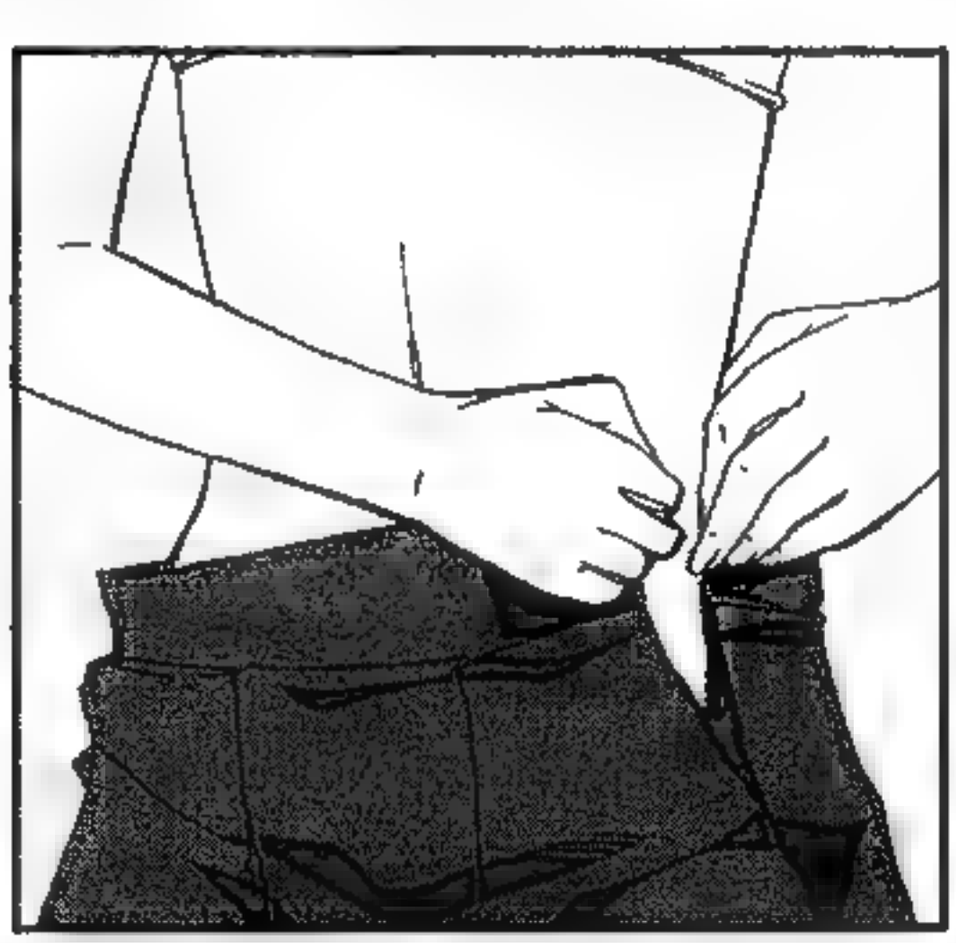
you are my *property*!

Until I hand back that deliquent's life to you,

Now then, hurry and strip!

Hey! Hurry up!!





Oh
my...

...help you take off your lingerie...

...I-I should personally...

Such a perfect sight...

...Before that...

Well...

...to stop using your thread.

I want you...

The moist air causes the morning dew, which,

when it rises onto the surface of an arachnid's web...

...That disturbance in the air current...

...You're probably surrounding the place all around with your thread.

Although I dodged your attacks, you're quite cunning...

...revealed that you...

...stretched it on top of the floor as well, hehe!

Now!

...and hand it over.

Pick up your handle, return your web...

ヒュン

ヒュン

ダン

Finally.

I have this feeling that we can now face each other with honest emotions...

...The conditions are fair.

With this, finally...

WAH-

AUGH-

TL Note: In the last panel, Megumi uses the suffix "gotoku" which is an extremely vulgar way of denoting an extent. You're free to interpret it however you like.

Those damn arachnids...

You can't do anything without your threads.

KUH-

ばっ

...You're 300 million years too early!!

...

...Wanting to capture us cockroaches...

...I just can't bear it..!

Heh... Those eyes, filled with rage...

.....

...It's so great...

Ahh...

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...being hated...

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Text On Phone: Incoming from Tajima Yoriko

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WHERE ARE YOU NOW..?!

ARE YOU OKAY?!

TAJIMA-SAN!!

T-

Hmm..?

Huh..?

I thought I told you not to leave my side!

Did you not hear me or something?!

Rather, where are *you?!*

Sayori: Lol, I think that phone's upside-down =P.

What kinda nonsense are you spouting about now?!

I was just taking a bit of a rest on the rooftop!

D.dn't you get abducted by someon-

So... You're okay then?

Eh..?

Ah...

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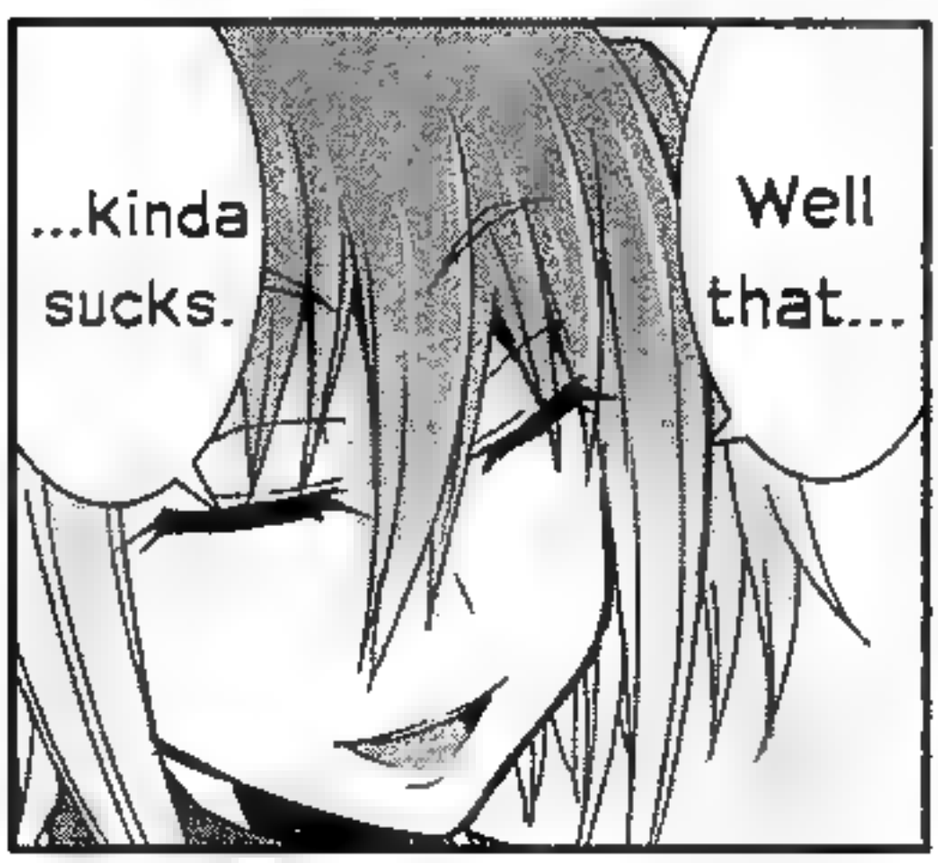
……
ツー

It's fine!
I have no idea what the heck you're doing, but... Hurry up and return to class!


...kinda sucks.
Well that...

Eh...

...unexpect-
ed.y revealed
this quickly...
My
prank
was...

Literally...

...To
Tajima-
san...
...T-
Then...

...even touched her..!

...Not a single finger...

...After I saw her and her friends leave the class...

That delinqjent...

and then I threw that letter from before into your bentou box.

...I waited for you to get up from your seat,

...useful value to kidnapping that Tajima Yoriko, but...

I thought I'd just check if there really was some...

...It was so rather surprising!

...Up until now, elegantly deceiving you like this...

...I just came here by myself.

AUDIO-VISUAL ROOM

Then after that...

...I thought for sure tha-

That's good to hear...

Phew...

What's this "feeling of relief" aura coming from you all of a sudden?

Only one thing in the situation here...

...has actually changed, you kno-

WHAT?!

WHY CAN'T I READ...

...HER SUDDEN MOVE-MEN-

GAH-

...WHY IS THIS GIRL...

...ABLE TO FOLLOW...

WHY...

There are arachnids that exist by eating cockroaches for their main meal.

...I DIDN'T HAVE MY AIR DETECTION POWER..?!

...MY MOVE-MENTS AS IF...

When an arachnid is about to capture its prey...

"Ashidaka Gumo," or the Huntsman Arachnid.

...it does not use any sort of plan whatsoever.

it is still able to execute an easy capture.

...With only the power of instantaneous judgment.

....and regardless of which direction they choose to escape towards...

Whatever a cockroach perceives from the air current

...in merely half a year.

It is said that these arachnids completely annihilate the cockroach population where they reside...

...is not her thread, nor her traps...

The most powerful weapon of Fujii Alice, being the arachnid...

This cockroach has completely underestimated her adversary.

This strange concentration ability that she was given at birth...

Even when she is forced between distinguishing life or death under heavy tension...

...A mental disorder...

...even allows her to make hasty and precise decisions about her actions...

Namely...

Congential Excessive Concentration

先天性集中力過剰

Haa...

Haa...

Haa...

"I cannot do anything but kill."

...This time, I'll let you off...

Tajima-san's fine too, so...

...Point is, you're still my classmate for now.

That's what I thought at first, but...

How-ever...

Please remember this.

Alright?

...Next time, I will kill YOU.

O-

Okay...

ピーンポーン

Wha..?!

It's no mistake.

Yes.

Did you finish her off?!

And then?

Seriously?!

Oki Megumi's an ***assassin***?!

チュ

Geez...

...For now...

Yeah, well...

TL Note: The name of the drink she's holding is "ManuFactured Soy Milk."

..In order for us to resolve this situation..

I've thought about it, but...

...Just how many dangerous bastards exist?!

In that school...

...about "The Organization."

...I think we should find out more...

"Since when have you been hiding over there?!"

Actually...

That's true, but...

Don't you remember how I looked them up over the Internet, but nothing came up at all?

How are we going to find out more?!

JUST WHEN DID...

WHAT THE?! YOU..!

WHA-

Fufufu...

...And that is Gokiburi...

...I've come to greatly admire and respect her.

All because of that...

...And then that merciful heart of hers...

...Her beauty...

Alice-sama's strength...

...and now I'm serving her.

...I decided to become Alice-sama's personal slave...

...shall be staying here together with Alice-sama... Hehehe...

D-

And with that point said, from today on, I too...

Huh..?

.....

P-

Please wait...

GET OUT!

DON'T JOKE WITH ME!!

You can't seriously expect us to be able to trust her!!

IDIOT!!

it's best if we asked a person actually from it.

If we are to find out about The Organization,

SHUT UP!!!

ANTENNA HEAD!!

BITCH!! I WOULD NEVER DEFY ALICE-SAMA!!!

HURRY UP AND GET OUTTA MY HOUSE! ROACH!!

No, well that...

TL Note: Yoriko yells "Antenna head!!," or in Japanese, "dekosuke!!" which is basically an insult for stuff related to foreheads

...doubts about my loyalty..?

W-Wha... Even Alice-sama has...

that it would be safer if we kept her here and watched over her.

It is especially because we cannot trust her,

If you want us to trust you...

Sure.

Okay...

...about letting us off the hook from being hunted!

...go talk it over with "The Organization" and all the others...

...I planned to do that from the start.

Oh that, well...

...do that?

Can you...

Eh..?

.....

I definitely won't mess around with Alice-sama!

Anyways, apart from me being here,

I'll

so I never planned to kill her or anything.

I just wanted Alice-sama to become mine,

Why you...

Forehead girl!

Oh, and that means you too.

...by just talking it over and listening to what this girl says...

If they can really settle all of this...

Is it true?

.....

No...

...doesn't seem at all possible.

...That kind of easy-going adversary...

technically speaking, The Organization would be destroyed.

If that man wasn't alive,

Suzume Bachi is the problem.

...For the sake of...

...So I could abide by what Assassin-san told me...

That time...

..completely escaping The Organization's grasp...

...that there is no other way than that.

I believe...

...I am to kill Suzume Bachi.

INFIRMARY

And that's why...

Lately, you've been awfully attached to that little girl, haven't you?

Say... What's wrong?

I'll surely kill her!

...I'm saying I didn't really fail!

This is an order from the boss.

...Revenge ain't really like you at all, is it,

Suzume Bachi?

Well, we know that Kumo and Kamakiri were unexpectedly killed, but...

...This is just between you and me...

Well hey...

There is nothing more to say than that.

...There isn't one at all, am I right?

...But this "boss" that you keep speaking about...

...thinks that you are the bos-

Reality is, everyone...

running The Organization only according to your own desires.

You appear to have been given orders by someone,

...are to be erased...

Also, those who disobey the boss' command...

...by the boss, personally.

The boss exists.

Is the boss an assassin as well?

What are you saying!

By the boss personally..?

!?

The boss is already...

You'd better be careful.

...hiding within...

...the school...

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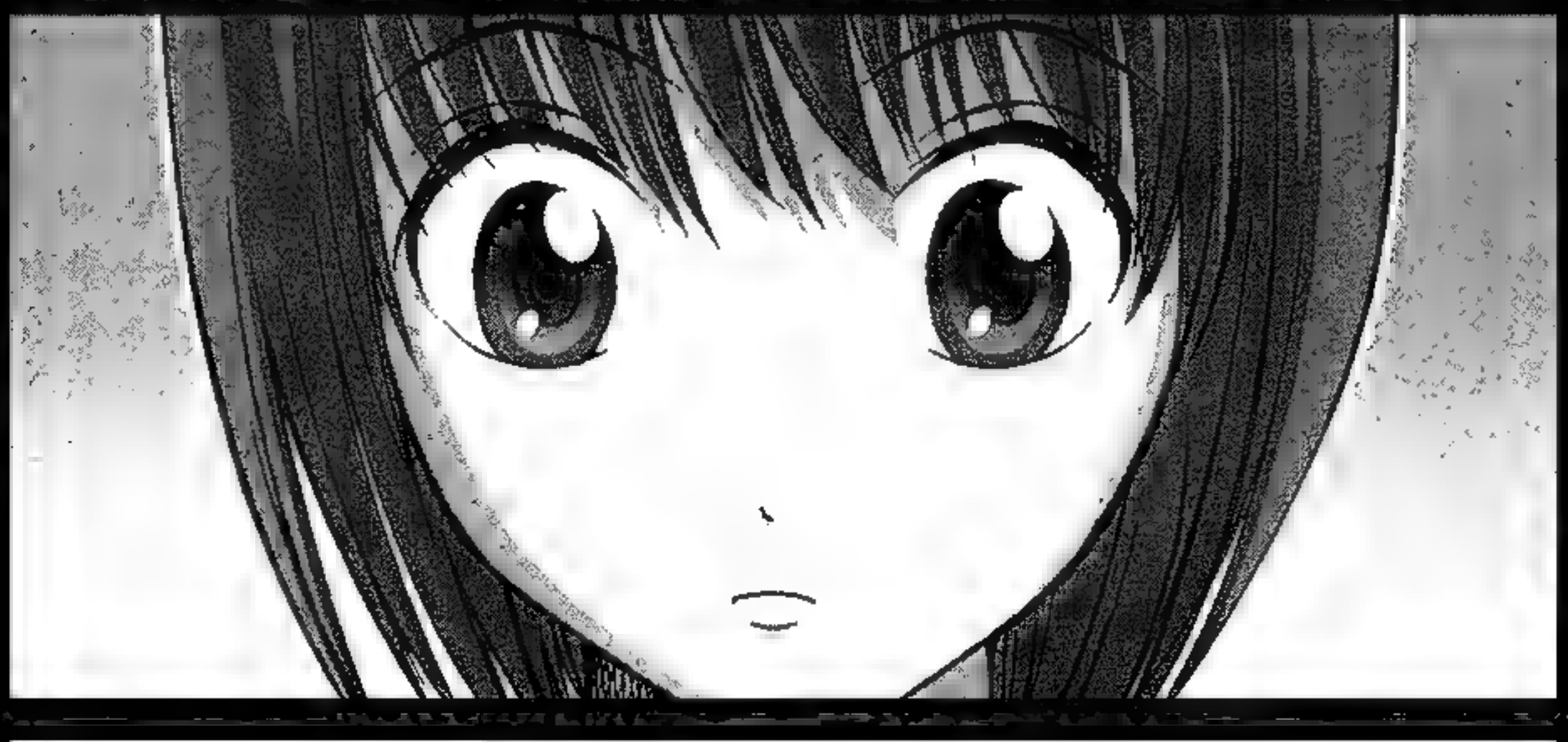
"Congential Excessive Concentration?"



Due to a congenital mental disorder, one's ability to concentrate abnormally rises in response to a single event, unexpectedly interrupting the minimal thinking and actions required for everyday life. This is called...

...a mental disorder.

It is easy for this condition to appear just when you are fixated on something.

Reading books... Drawing pictures... Solving puzzles...

they would just assume that you were concentrating and being distracted.

If someone nearby sees your current condition,

you lose sight of your surroundings, and regardless of what occurs, you do not perceive it.

Once you accidentally enter this concentrated state,

However, in reality, it is different

It could also be interpreted as if you had a courteous but actually rude attitude

or that you were purposely ignoring them.

TL Note: The text in the back simply shows Alice thinking of various cards. They're cards like the 8 of Hearts, 5 of Diamonds, Jack of Clubs, etc.

That is, you digest a flood of information.

You drastically exceed your own processing capacity.

there is an excess execution of recognition, judgment, decision, and close analysis in response to a single event.

Due to an abnormal increase in one's concentration ability,

...However peculiar the technique for assassination is...

..However difficult a subject is to understand... However complicated a skill is. .

she was fated to always being looked upon from a distance, being misunderstood as well as alienated

Due to this disease, when this girl was very young,

and if it were possible that it could be applied to its maximum efficiency...

However, if you treat this as not a deficit but a special quality,

It could become a terrifying ability.

...You could learn at a speed and accuracy that far exceeds any ordinary person.

...It got this untidy...

What were you doing, Alice..?

Oh my...

she had already begun to bloom at that age.

When this girl was a mere five years old,

To Note: Shinya is now referring to the year previous to this one.

..She will need to wait another ten full years.

Nothing.

However, for her to truly blossom...

END

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制作秘話 その2

夜

ネームに詰まって
気分転換に外に出ると

ウチの
ベランダ

作・画　村田真哉（さく・が　むらたしんや）

アパートの階段にある
電灯の下で必ず

クモの巣に
引っかかります

ホワー

毎日巣を
壊されるのに

お前も
いい加減
学ばんな

と
思ってましたが

あっ
はたと
気付きました

クモは餌（エサ）となる
虫が集まる
明かりの下で巣を
張っているので
あって…

ハ　月

つまりクモにとって
僕は

向向

また来た

狙い通り毎晩
罠にかかる
ちょっと大きめの
虫だったのです。

誰が
虫だ

オマエだ

捕子
のくな

END

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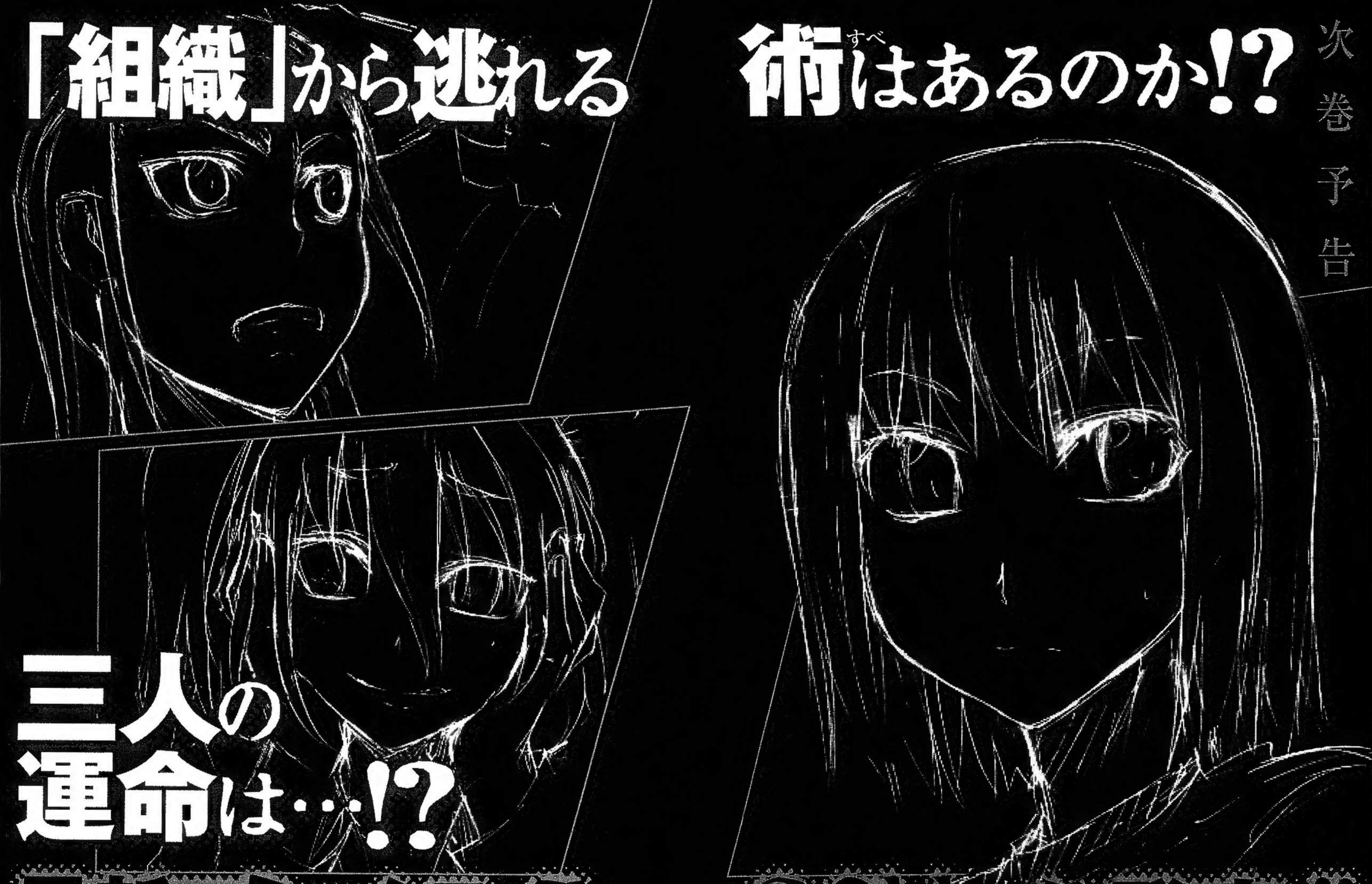
「組織」から逃れる術(すべ)はあるのか!?



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On a side note, the second last page was EXTREMELY difficult to translate WITHOUT making any gender bias. It's very easy to just assume a male as the boss, but we don't know that, so I had to use kinda crappy language to make it sound genderless (which in turn, made the English weirder). Sorry.

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